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The Premier
Resigns

WITH reluctance, Britain bids farewell to one of its greatest Prime Ministers; with equal reluctance, Sir Winston Churchill relinquishes his high office in the full flower of his greatness and glory, conscious of his purpose fulfilled; conscious, too, of his country's triumphant recovery from the wreck and ruin of war.

Under his supreme guidance, a new Britain has emerged, more vital, more forceful, more fully aware of its destiny as one of the world's leading powers for peace and progress. In this transition, dating from the narrow self-interest of late Victorian times, Sir Winston has made his full contribution. The achievements of his lifetime form a brilliant era in the pages of our history.

Britain may never again see the like of Churchill, the statesman. Yet it is not to be supposed that with his departure from the Treasury benches, the stature and authority associated with the country's 20th century renaissance will become things of the past.

THE machinery created by Churchill's Government survives and constitutes a noble heritage for his successors. No less capable a politician and leader is the new Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden who in the last 15 years has proved himself an able and diligent deputy standing high in the esteem of his party and country.

His strength in the Cabinet has always been something to be reckoned with. The British contribution of troops to Europe last year and the agreement with Egypt to leave the Suez Canal zone are but two of his recent personal triumphs. As a statesman and diplomat, he has established a long record of success; last year's Geneva agreements, the Trieste settlement and the establishment of the West European Union at the London and Brussels conferences are among his outstanding accomplishments of last year.

If the future shows that Churchill left the Premiership on the threshold of momentous events, it is likely to show also that Sir Anthony Eden is fully worthy of his preference, for there can be no doubt that he will acquit himself with honour and distinction.

IT is a matter of regret that Sir Winston could not achieve his final triumph—the settlement of outstanding East-West problems at top-level talks with President Eisenhower and the Russian Premier. That task remains a challenge to the new leader of the Government, however, and Britain may have every confidence that Sir Anthony is assured of equal chances of success.

Within the Conservative Party itself, Sir Winston's decision has for long been accepted as inevitable. The Tories will not be stricken by any sudden sense of loss; ample provision has been made for his departure and a galaxy of stars remain in the Party's firmament. The long-awaited reconstruction of the Government is now possible and Party decisions to be taken shortly should show that the Cabinet will have a much needed infusion of "young blood".

The change of power should therefore be completed smoothly and without any disturbance to the existing administration; that is undoubtedly, as Sir Winston would want it.

WORLD PRAISES CHURCHILL

Premier-Designate



SIR ANTHONY EDEN

A Gracious Toast To The Queen

London, Apr. 5. Official quarters today released the text of the short speech made by Sir Winston Churchill in proposing the health of Queen Elizabeth at the dinner he gave at Downing Street last night in honour of the Sovereign.

Sir Winston Churchill said: "I have the honour of proposing a toast which I used to enjoy drinking during the years when I was a cavalry subaltern in the reign of Your Majesty's great-grandmother, Queen Victoria.

"Having served in office or in parliament under the four sovereigns who have reigned since those days, I feel, with these credentials, that in asking Your Majesty's gracious permission to propose this toast, I should not be leading to the creation of a precedent which would often cause inconvenience.

HELP & INSPIRATION

"Madame, I should like to express the deep and lively sense of gratitude which we and all your peoples feel to you and to His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh; for all the help and inspiration we receive in our daily lives and which spreads with evergrowing strength throughout the British realm and the Commonwealth and Empire.

"Never have we needed it more than in the anxious and darkening age through which we are passing, and through which we hope to help the world to pass.

"Never have the august duties which fall upon the British monarchy been discharged with more devotion than in the brilliant opening of Your Majesty's reign. We thank God for the gift he has bestowed upon us and vow ourselves anew to the sacred cause and wise and kindly way of life of which Your Majesty is the young, gleaming champion.

"The Queen."

Sir Winston then proposed the health of the Duke of Edinburgh.

When all were again seated, the Queen rose and said she wished to do something which probably few of her predecessors had had an opportunity of doing and that was to propose the health of her Prime Minister.—*Reuter*.

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New Hostess For No. 10



LADY EDEN

Sir Anthony Goes To Palace Today

London, Apr. 5. Sir Anthony Eden will be summoned to Buckingham Palace between 11 o'clock and midday (GMT) tomorrow to be invested by Queen Elizabeth as successor to Sir Winston Churchill as British Premier, political sources believed here tonight.

These sources said that Sir Anthony would make a general policy speech in the House of Commons tomorrow afternoon, and might indicate the date of the next general elections. These are generally expected for either May 19 or May 26.—*France-Press*.

Persian Premier Resigning?

Tehran, Apr. 5. Iranian Premier Fazlollah Zahedi would probably offer his resignation today to Shah Reza Pahlavi, according to rumours in the evening newspapers here. Political circles were speculating on the probable succession of Court Minister Hossein Ala. In bad health for several weeks, Zahedi had asked the Shah to authorise a trip to Germany for him.—*France-Press*.

Warm-Hearted Tributes On Retirement "A PRODIGIOUS CAREER"

London, Apr. 5. The world today paid tribute to Sir Winston Churchill on his retirement as Prime Minister of Britain.

This is how statesmen and others reacted to the news that he had asked the Queen to be relieved of his post.

M. Edgar Faure, Prime Minister of France: "No political career has been so full, so fruitful, so prodigious.

"It is with satisfaction that he glances back at the task he has accomplished, at the success piled on success, and at the decisive influence he has exercised at historic moments on world history.

"He has been the champion of liberty and democracy. For this we give him our grateful thanks."

M. Achille van Acker, Prime Minister of Belgium, said: "Never perhaps in humanity's history has a man so deeply embodied the spirit of his people as Sir Winston Churchill during the Second World War... the Belgian people take this opportunity of renewing its profound gratitude to Sir Winston Churchill."

General Alfred M. Gruenther, Supreme Commander Allied Powers in Europe: "We at SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters) have forever revered Sir Winston for his inspiration to us and to men of goodwill everywhere. We salute him and hope he will long be spared to continue his wise counsel to the free world."

Mr. Johannes Strijdom, Prime Minister of South Africa: "I wish on behalf of my fellow South Africans to congratulate him on a long and fruitful term of office that has now been terminated. During his lifetime he has in various capacities rendered great service to his country and people."

"During the Second World War he not only inspired his countrymen at a time of crisis when everything seemed lost but led them through that period of crisis to ultimate victory."

"At the age of 80, Sir Winston Churchill leaves the public stage at the zenith of his power and prestige and as one of the most dynamic political figures that Europe has ever produced."

"Long after he has disappeared the echo of his stirring phrases will keep ringing in the ears of his people for he had words and faith to speak direct to their hearts."

"Where he has now laid aside the burdens of office his friends and countrymen will ungrudgingly wish him a quiet and happy, long and well deserved rest and evening."

Honoured Figure

Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, said he was deeply moved by the resignation of the man who "offered a helping hand" to Germany after the war.

"We in the free world shall always need his advice. The world will be grateful that Sir Winston Churchill will continue to use his forcefulness and his experience in the House of Commons to the advantage of Britain and the world."

M. Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister: "Tonight when Sir Winston Churchill retires from his high duties it is appropriate that we should once again express to him our feelings of admiration and respectful affection."

"He will always remain the most honoured figure of those who during those crucial days contributed most to save Europe, and liberty."

Mr Sam Rayburn, Democrat Speaker of the United States House of Representatives:

"Churchill's yielding of the helm in Great Britain does not mean that his brilliance, his strength of character and his ideals will be lost to his times."

"His presence still will be strongly felt not only in the halls of parliament but in the councils of government everywhere and among ordinary men wherever they may be."

"His contributions to freedom and to dignity will not come to an end now or in the days to come."

M. Paul Reynaud, Premier at the time of the fall of France, said: "This voluntary step down from power has the grandeur one could expect from a figure who belongs not only to the history of his own country, of which he is one of the greatest men, but also to the history of the free world."



SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

Wise Counsel & Advice

Pres. Eisenhower's Moving Message

Washington, Apr. 5. President Eisenhower in a warm personal message to Sir Winston Churchill on his retirement said today he hoped he would never be denied Sir Winston's counsel and advice.

Obviously deeply affected Mr Eisenhower said: "We have just had official word that my old and very dear friend Sir Winston Churchill has retired from his position as head of Her Majesty's government in the United Kingdom."

Mr Eisenhower said that such an occasion brought to mind certain incidents in both war and peace.

Mr Eisenhower said he had respected and valued his association with Sir Winston Churchill and that he would like to direct a message to the retiring British leader.

He said: "All in the free world can respect your decision to retire from official office to lead a somewhat more serene life than was possible before."

GREAT WISDOM

"But I never expect that we shall be denied your counsel and advice out of your great wisdom. We know that you will never be backward in bringing those qualities forward when we appeal to you for help as all of us are bound to do."

Mr Eisenhower concluded his brief extemporaneous remarks by saying: "Now for the rest of us I hope I have spoken the words you would like to speak no matter how haltingly or how roughly."

Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, said in a separate statement that he rejoiced that Sir Winston's wisdom remained at the service of the free world.

In a personal tribute to the retiring Prime Minister, Mr Dulles said:

"Sir Winston Churchill is one of the great men of history. Those of us who know him personally have a great privilege."

"We can rejoice even though he is no longer Prime Minister, his wisdom and vigorous enunciation of it remain at the service of the free world. Sir Winston has always been a friend to the United States and a policy of close friendship between our two countries is so deeply engrained on both sides that we can be confident of the future."—*Reuter*.

No London Papers To Tell The Story

London, Apr. 5. All the world outside London will read tomorrow that Sir Winston Churchill has resigned—but 10 million Londoners cut off by the newspaper strike must depend on the BBC for word of the biggest domestic "story" of the year.

A Conservative member, Mr Richard Pilkington, asked in the House of Commons today if the government would make special efforts to have newspapers published "at least for one day in case there is any event of special importance to report."

Members on both sides laughed nervously but no reply was offered.

Mr Harry Crookshank, leader of the Commons, told another questioner that the government did not propose to publish an official London newspaper during the strike.

Speaking for the Board of Trade, Mr Austin Low, Minister of State, told a questioner that the 1,400 tons of newspaper which has accumulated daily since 700 technicians struck work and halted the presses of Fleet Street 11 days ago could be used to publish bigger papers up to May 29. Rationing is spread over a period of 12 weeks, he explained.

The executives of the strikers' union—the electricians and the engineers—today formally recognised the strike and agreed to backdate strike pay to members involved.

Both unions will give evidence to the three-man court of inquiry which will open hearings tomorrow.

The engineers, the second largest British trade union, will be represented by a Communist member of its executive, Mr Joe Scott. Their members involve are newspaper mechanics.

The Federation of Printing Unions, over 15,000 of whose



Witticism In The House

London, Apr. 5. Sir Winston Churchill's absence from the House of Commons today led to questions by the Labour members about his retirement, and amid loud laughter, Mr. E. Hughes, Labour, asked: "Can we be told if the government is going to bury Caesar in the House of Lords (make him a peer) or is he going to be allowed to come back here to worry Anthony?"

Mr Harry Crookshank, leader of the House of Commons, who had been answering other questions, smiled but did not reply.

Earlier the House gasped with astonishment when Mr. Marcus Lipton, Labour, blandly asked the Speaker: "If they could have an immediate debate on the Prime Minister's reported imminent resignation."

The Speaker, curiously remarked the matter did not come within the rules.—*China Mail Special*.

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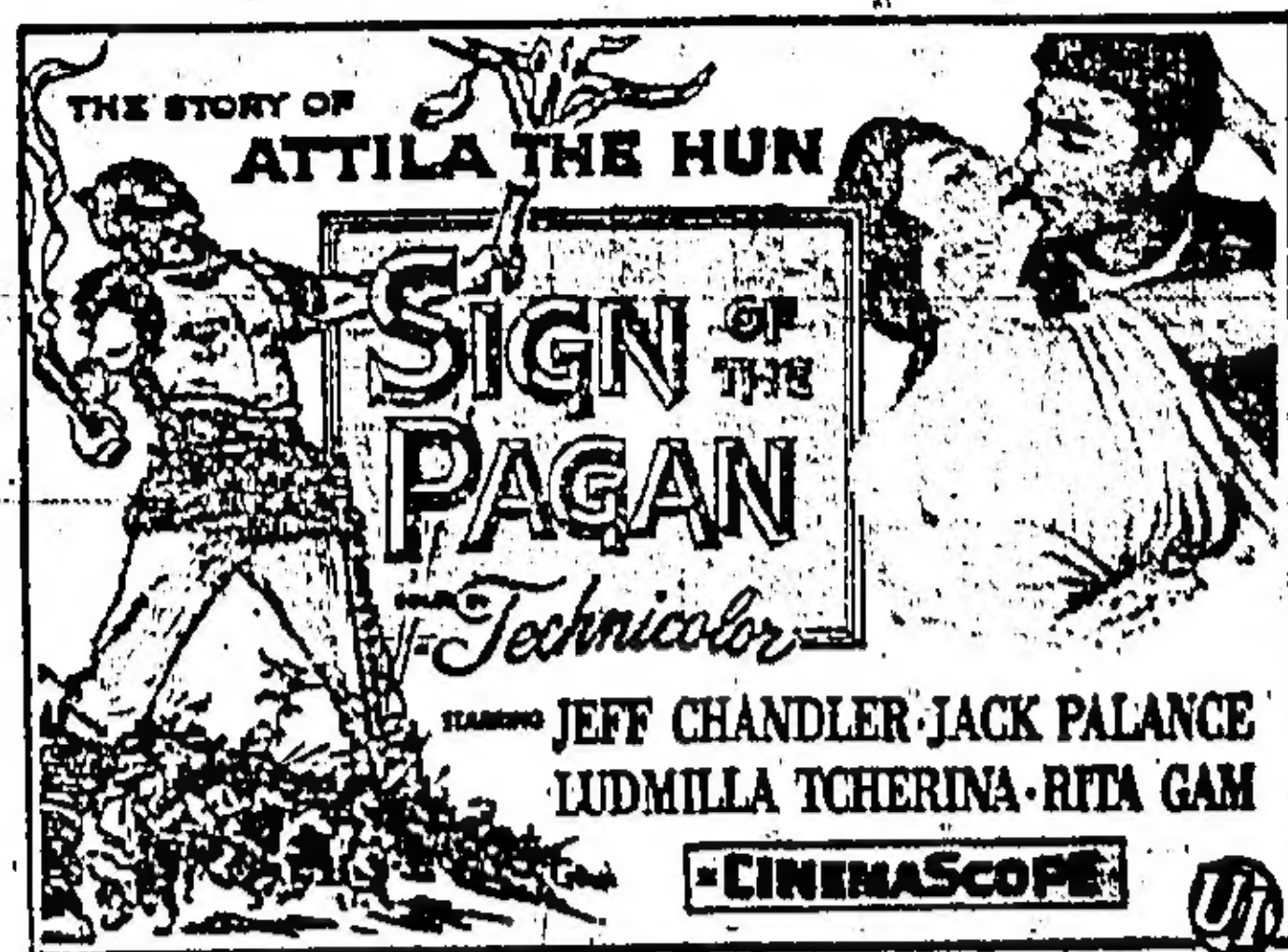
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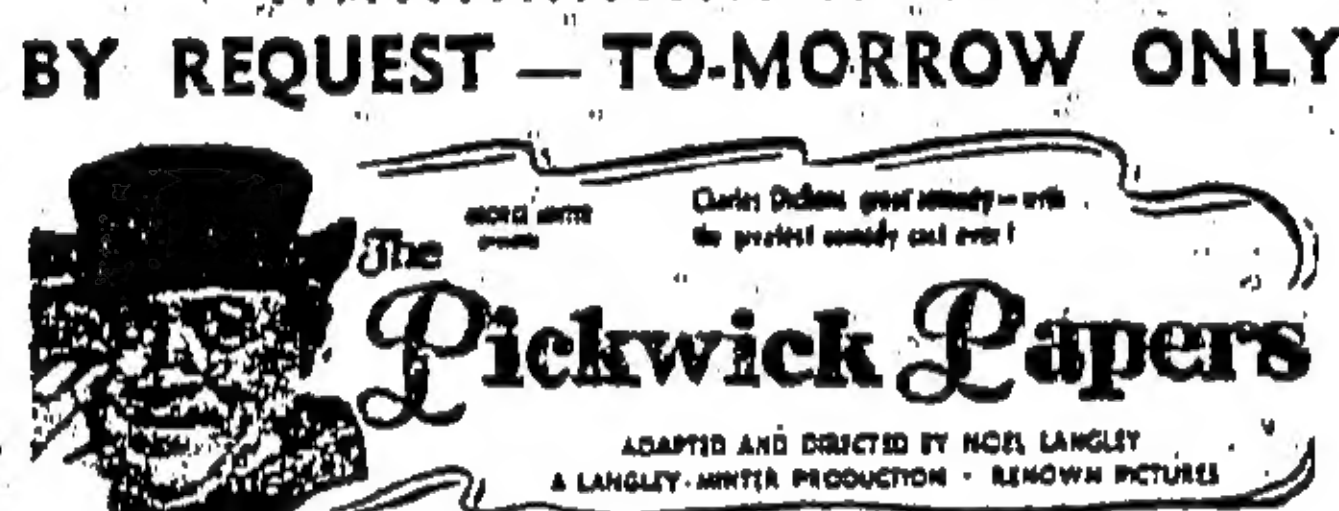
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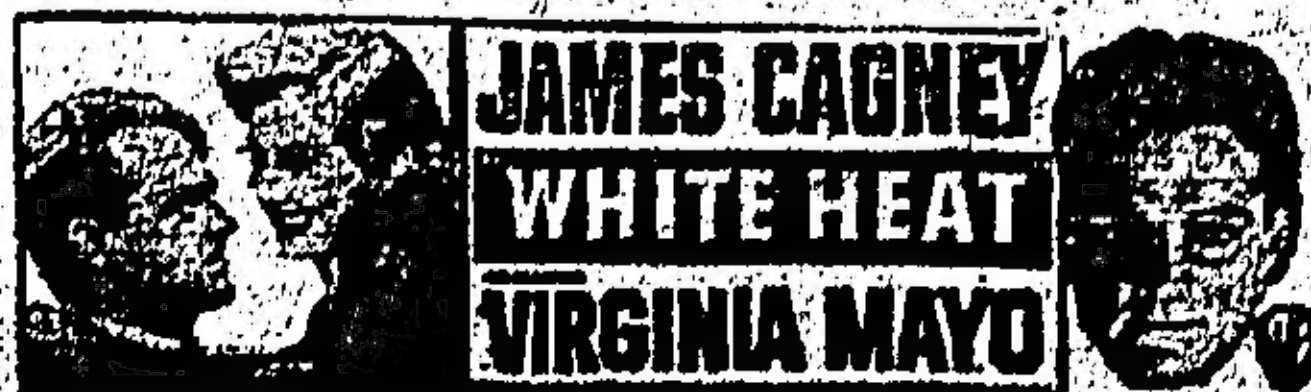
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Western Note Handed To Dr Raab

OCCUPYING POWERS' RESPONSIBILITY ON PEACE TREATY

London, Apr. 5.

Britain, France and the United States declared today that the Austrian state question concerned the three Western powers as well as Russia and Austria.

In a joint declaration given to Dr Julius Raab, the Austrian Chancellor, they suggested that the Austrian Government and the four Ambassadors in Vienna should discuss any promising proposals that his Moscow visit might produce.

Dr Raab flies to Moscow next Monday for talks on the Austrian treaty question with Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister.

REAFFIRMED

The declaration, which was handed to Dr Raab today by the three Ambassadors in Vienna, reaffirmed the West's "earnest desire to conclude the state treaty as soon as possible in conformity with principles which will ensure Austria's full freedom and independence."

It said: "Questions relating to the conclusion of the state treaty are of concern to the governments of all four responsible powers, as well as to the Austrian Government."

"The Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States of America and France accordingly consider that it is the Soviet Government should offer proposals which hold clear promise of the restoration of freedom and independence to Austria these could appropriately be discussed by the four Ambassadors in Vienna with the participation of the Austrian Government."

The three-power declaration was regarded in diplomatic quarters here as a reminder that no direct agreement between Russia and Austria could by itself settle the state treaty question.

The reference to "principles which will ensure Austria's full freedom and independence" was thought here to indicate Western opposition to any plan for neutrality to be imposed on Austria in the treaty.

The Western powers have no objection to Austria deciding to be neutral in the "cold war" but believe that she should have the freedom to determine her own foreign policy. Otherwise they consider the promise of freedom and sovereignty made to Austria in the wartime Moscow declaration would not have been kept.

A CONDITION?

A demand for Austrian neutrality to be written into the treaty is thought here to be one of the conditions Russia may make for signing the treaty and withdrawing her troops.

Mr Molotov is also expected to press for further assurances against an Anschluss (union) with Germany but this is not thought likely here to raise insuperable difficulties.—Reuter.

India Releasing Prisoners

New Delhi, Apr. 5.
Thirty-two Japanese, due to be released from an Indian jail in July, will be set free two months earlier, Parliament was told today.
The Japanese, along with two Chinese and 37 Americans, were sentenced to a year in jail last July for unauthorized entry of the territory of the Indian Republic and fishing in Andaman waters. Because of good conduct, the Japanese are to be released next month.—United Press.

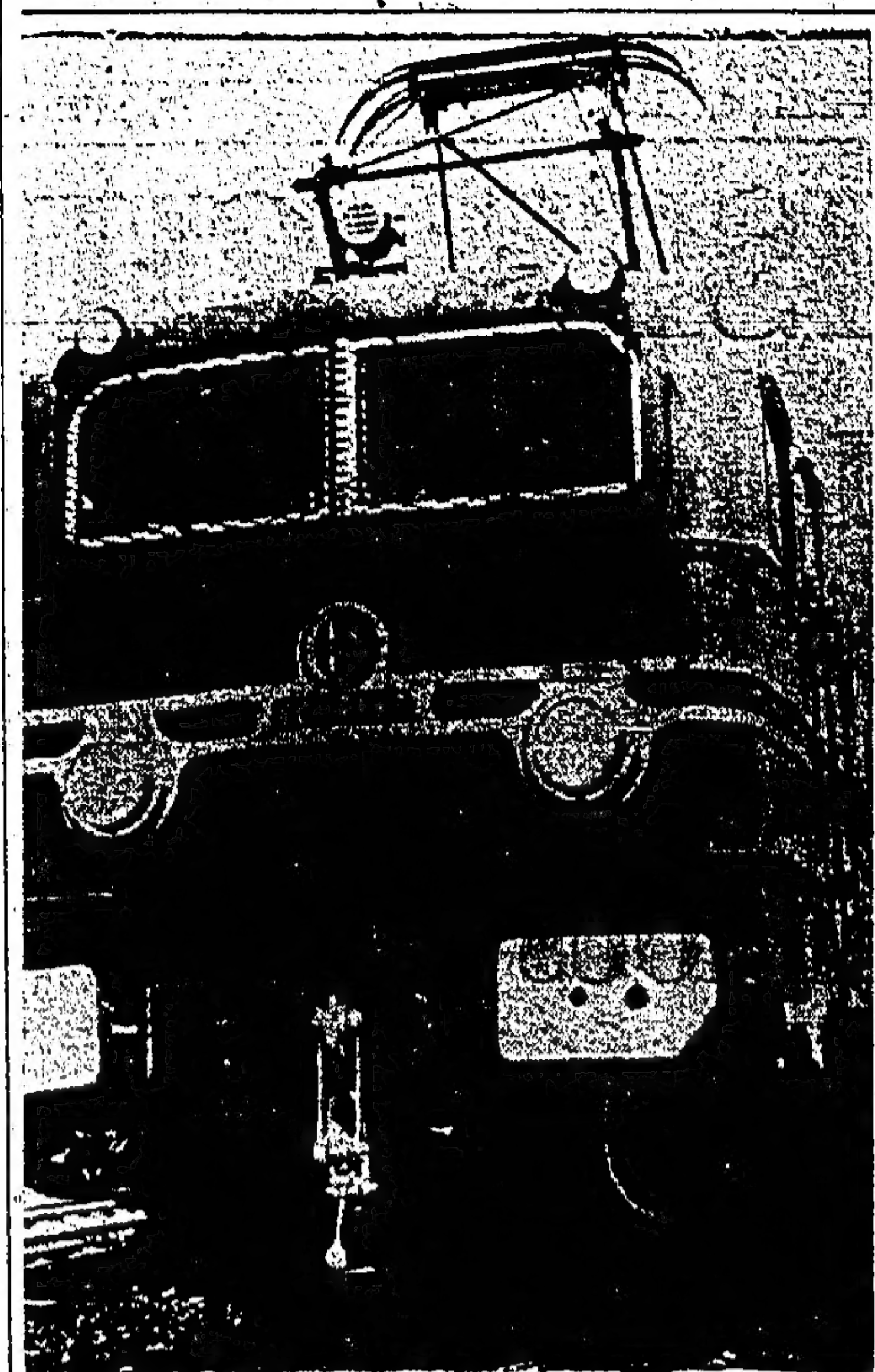
Earthquake Reported In America

New York, Apr. 5.
Seismologists reported recording a quake of medium to severe intensity, apparently in the western North America region or its shore areas today.
The California Institute of Technology's seismographs recorded a "good-sized" quake probably in the Gulf of California. Seismologists there said it occurred about 3.12 p.m. Other seismologists had reported the start showed at 3.16 p.m.
At San Diego, a seismologist, Mr Fred Robinson, said a major disturbance, possibly in the ocean, was recorded more than an hour later.
Southern Methodist University reported the shock was of at least medium intensity, and was followed by another.
SMU said that the direction was south and west of Dallas.—United Press.

Cairo, Apr. 5.

A treaty of friendship between Egypt and India will be signed here tomorrow, it was officially announced here today.

Dr Mahmud Fawzi, the Foreign Minister, will sign for Egypt, and Haveli Ali Yaver Jung, Indian Ambassador in Cairo, will sign for his country.—France-Press.



The French electric train locomotive C.C.-7107 set up a new world speed record on the Bordeaux-Dax line with 320 km per hour. The previous record was 243 km p.h. and was also held by a French locomotive. Picture shows the locomotive C.C.-7107 after setting up the new world speed record on the Bordeaux-Dax line.—Express Photo.

CARNEY DENIES HE FORECAST ISLAND ATTACK

Washington, Apr. 5.

Admiral Robert B. Carney said today that he never forecast that the Chinese Reds might attack the Nationalist-held off-shore islands by mid-April.

Admiral Carney, Chief of Naval Operations, told the Senate Military Appropriations Subcommittee, he would not have the "temerity" to make such a prediction.

He said that he, along with all other "responsible" military officers, confined their calculations to the enemy's capabilities.

QUESTION RAISED

The question of Admiral Carney's reported forecast, given at a "background" meeting with some reporters, recently, was raised by Senator Allen J. Ellender.

Mr Ellender noted that quite a "scare" and a "lot of criticism" had been stirred up by the forecast attributed to him that a Chinese Communist attack was probable by April 15.

"Have you changed your mind?" Mr Ellender asked.

"I have not changed my mind because I never made such a statement," Admiral Carney replied emphatically.

Mr Ellender called upon Admiral Carney to explain what he did say.

"I didn't have the temerity to predict what the intentions of any potential enemy might be," Admiral Carney said. "No experienced, responsible military man would venture so far."

Admiral Carney indicated that his talk with reporters was limited to a discussion of the capabilities of the Chinese Communist and United States forces.

As a military man, Admiral Carney said, he always had "contained myself" to analyzing the capabilities of the potential enemy and United States forces.

Published reports of Admiral Carney's discussion with the select group of reporters quoted a "high military source"—later revealed to be Admiral Carney—as saying that the Chinese Reds might attack Matsu around mid-April and Quemoy a month or so later.

CRITICISED

President Eisenhower sharply criticised Admiral Carney last week for making the reported prediction.

Mr Eisenhower told his news conference last Wednesday that on the basis of his own information he did not agree with the forecast. He added that he frankly did not know when or whether there would be such an attack. But he made it plain,

that he was displeased with Admiral Carney's statement, saying such remarks did not advance the cause of peace.

Mr Ellender asked Admiral Carney why he had not made any effort to "correct" the impression created by the news stories.

"I didn't see it would accomplish anything," the Admiral replied.

Admiral Carney's discussion with reporters was credited with leading to a new Defense Department directive tightening up on public statements issued by military officials and the individual services.—United Press.

WANDERING BLACKSMITHS RETURN HOME AFTER 400 YEARS

New Delhi, Apr. 5.

More than 2,000 Lohars—wandering blacksmiths of India—are gathered at Chitorgarh tonight ready to march into the great fortress of Chitorgarh which their ancestors left 400 years ago when it was conquered by the Mogul invaders. They vowed never to return to settle permanently elsewhere until Chitorgarh was freed of foreign rule.

Tomorrow morning Mr Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, will lead the Lohars across the Ghambert River and up a long zigzag ramp into the fortress. The Lohars will be freed of their vows when they enter

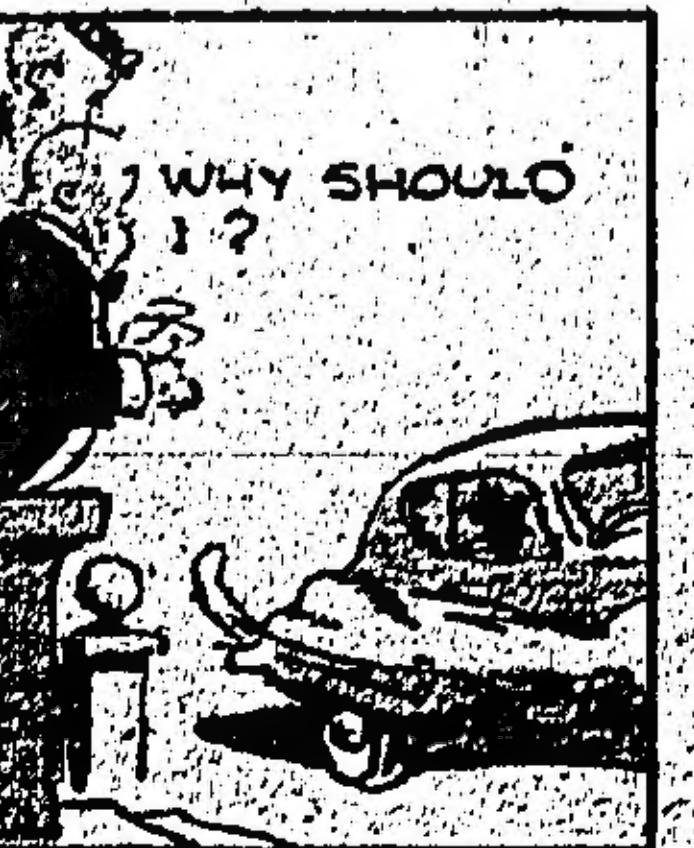
and the Indian flag is unfurled over the 500-year-old tower of victory in the fortress.
Chitorgarh fort, which fills a three-mile flat topped ridge rising 500 feet sheer from the plain of Rajasthan, was the home of the Sesodia Rajputs, greatest of all the fighting clans of India's warrior Rajputs.

Three times Chitorgarh was sacked by Mogul invaders. Each time when all was lost thousands of Rajput wives, led by the Queen committed mass "suttee" by throwing themselves on the flames in an underground chamber of the

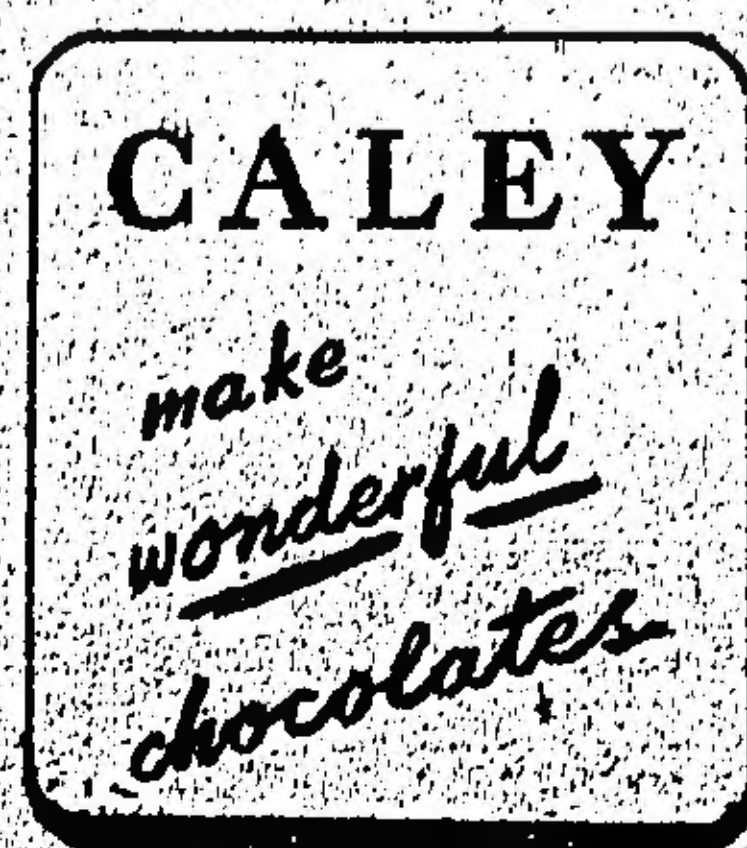
fort while their husbands clad in saffron wedding clothes marched out to die fighting. This act "Jauhar" was last performed in 1567 when the Mogul Emperor Akbar overwhelmed Chitorgarh. It was then that the Lohars, who for generations had forged the Rajput weapons, left the fort and have never returned since.

The Lohars, who will take part in tomorrow's ceremony have been assembled from all over India by emissaries sent out by the Rajasthan Government. No one knows how many Lohars there are but one estimate is 200,000.—Reuter.

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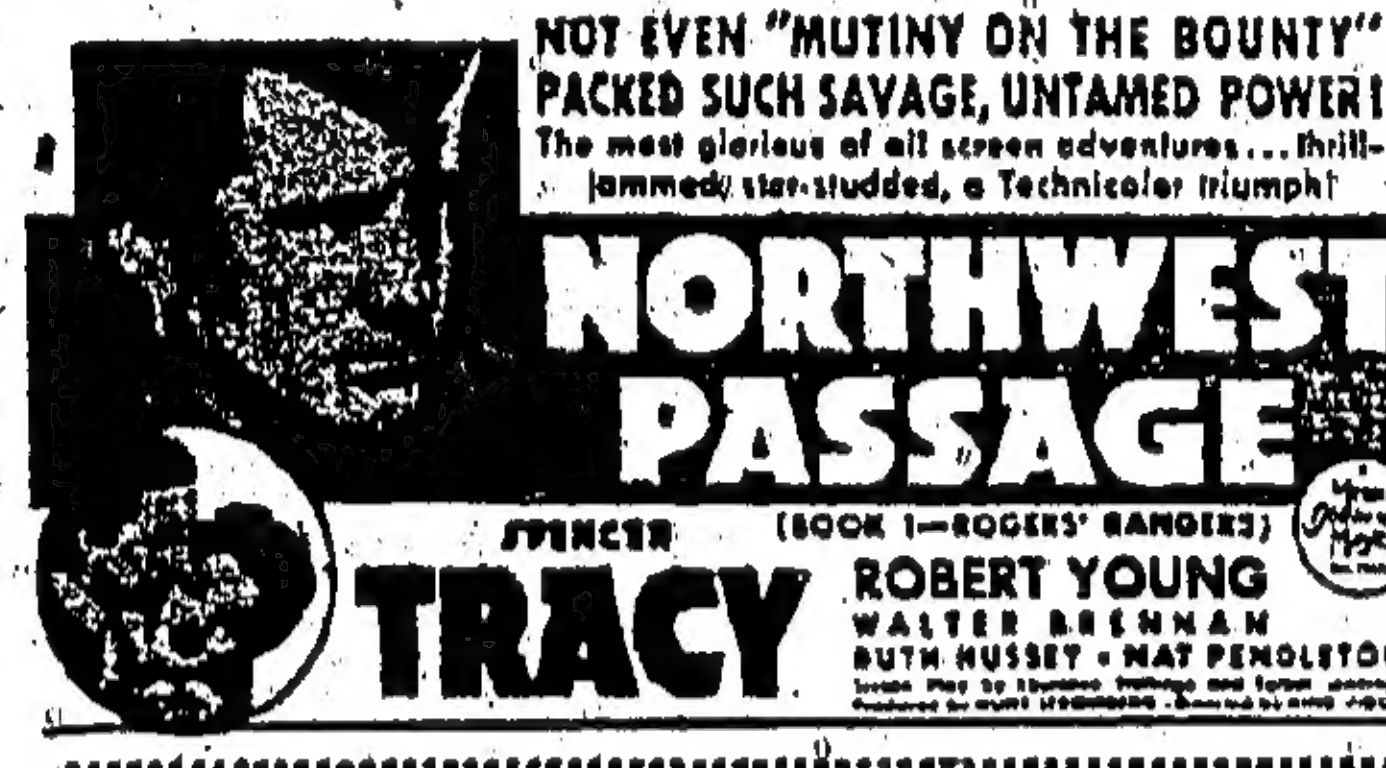


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WHEN Easter comes I always think of motor cars because it was usually at Easter that my life partner, the Plucky Little Woman, bought a new car with the money she had saved out of hard work in Fleet Street.

At that time cars were cheap and income tax laughable. Our last car was stolen and wrecked in 1939 by a 17-year-old hooligan who was not smacked often enough when he was a boy.

We have not owned a car since but we have both had our driving licences renewed and are wondering if we shall start motoring again.

Perhaps it would be nearer the truth to say that I am wondering, because the P.L.W. has no doubts about it at all. It is partly due to her enthusiasm for driving and partly to her natural optimism and the luck which usually attends the activities of optimists.

For instance, she appeared to believe that so long as you pushed something forward, pulled something backwards, and stopped on something a car would go on for ever without petrol, oil, water, or air. I don't think she ever knew what an oil gauge was or what an oil dipper was for. If you mentioned air pressure in the tyres she would think you were a fuss pot.

She never understood that water evaporated. On one occasion when she was driving happily along with the last pint of water steaming out of the radiator and the engine (short of oil) on the point of seizing up, a young man drove alongside her and shouted, "You're hot, you're hot." She called back gaily, "You're not so bad yourself," and drove on, knocking a dent in his wing.

Although she never had the petrol tank filled until it was empty she was hardly ever left stranded. Usually the engine died on her when she was opposite a gas station.

But on one rainy night the engine stopped. On a lonely road instead of walking to the nearest telephone box to call for help she stopped a motor-cyclist and explained her predicament. This gallant knight of the road solved the problem by taking off a shoe, siphoning petrol into it from his tank and transferring it to hers. He made six journeys in all, hopping on one foot in the rain, until she had enough fuel to get to the next garage.

It was always my misfortune to take over the car when it was just about to break up owing to neglect, though I was often unlucky with new cars untouched by the P.L.W. There was one model which literally came to pieces in my hands. First the radiator fell into the road, then the back axle broke, and finally a back wheel snapped off at 50 miles an hour, raced ahead of me, and bumped over a hedge.

So if I cannot share the P.L.W.'s enthusiasm perhaps I may be excused, particularly as she is careless about leaving things in motor-cars after parties.

I once opened the boot to find it full of empty milk-bottles, mildewed buns, and slices of green bread coated with white fur.

Chaps' Fashions

EASTER is also the time of the year when chaps of all ages appear in new and sometimes startling clothes. Although young chaps are unconscious about wearing bright check-shirts and scarves, poison green trousers, puce jackets, and canary yellow

cardigans, older chaps prefer their old tweed suits patched at the elbow and cuffs with leather and their old rumpled grey flannel trousers they never seem to remove for a sleep in the afternoon.

Among older chaps who prefer old clothes is your Uncle Nat. For many years he cherished his famous tweed jacket, Moth's Relish, and rumpled grey flannel trousers, collectively called Elephant's Legs. Of course, he never wore them when he went to town in case one of the smartly dressed directors saw him and fired him on the spot.

But he wore them at home and in the streets of his own little town where other elderly chaps go about like Harlequins with patches all over their jackets and trousers and sometimes wear floppy Christopher Robin tweed hats above round, red faces like Dutch cheeses.

In this select community, which seems the gaudy new fashions to be seen at gents' outfitters, Moth's Relish and Elephant's Legs were envied and admired as vintage stuff in a class of their own.

Therefore the chaps will be sorry to hear that Moth's Relish and Elephant's Legs have disappeared. For some time they have been missing from their usual place (on the floor of your Uncle's dressing-room) and a search through all wardrobes has failed to discover them. It can only be assumed that they were thrown into the dustbin when your Uncle was in bed with influenza, or when he was in London wearing his City slacker suit.

So he has been obliged to buy some new clothes. Although they fit all right, he doesn't feel comfortable in them. He misses the leather patches and the grease spots and the easy feeling of well-worn tweeds.

In fact, he feels so unhappy in them that he may stay indoors all over Easter rather than face the contemptuous glances of Harlequin in his coat of many patches and Christopher Robin in his little boy hat.

Les Miserables

MY two invalids, reported last week to be down with flu, are now up, tottering about the house on shaky legs and suffering acutely from post-influenza depression.

Although I no longer have to interrupt my reading and scribbling to make tea, cook lunch, and produce endless glasses of orange juice, the house is engulfed in gloom, with only Lottie the Devil Cat with only Lottie the Devil Cat.

At this moment I look upon last week as a comparatively happy time when the invalids were both safely in bed. Now, as I listen to faltering footsteps I drop everything and wait for the crash that will tell me that one of them has fallen downstairs. Of course, the Devil Cat is doing her best to cause an accident. To her these pale ghosts in dressing-gowns and slippers are fair game. They are weak and helpless and their legs are bare. What could be greater fun for a Devil Cat than to wait on the bottom stair, spring at their defenceless ankles, nip them viciously, and then take up a strategic position for another attack?

When I am not worrying about whether the boys are going to fall downstairs I am worrying about the fragile creatures cooking lunch for a robust beast like myself. Has one of them opened the gas oven and fallen head first into it? Has the other cut her shaking fingers preparing vegetables? Even worse, are they both sobbing quietly in chairs and not cooking lunch at all?

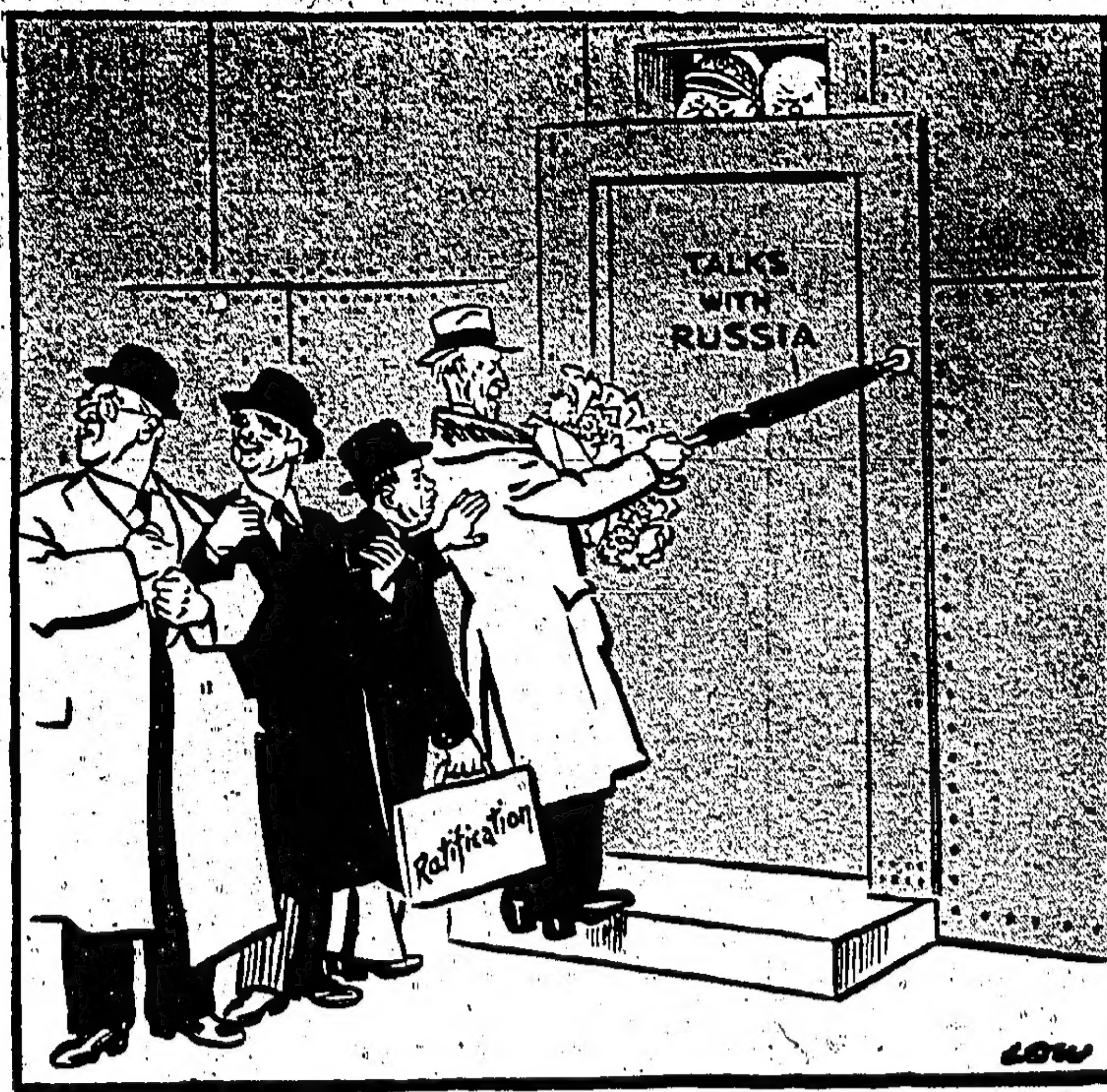
In the evenings when deeper depression sets in I look through the radio programmes trying to find something funny and avoiding all chats about future warfare and H-bombs which might induce them to suicide in their present state. But I am sorry to inform radio comedians that their jokes only reduced Les Miserables to tears. In fact, the more the comedians tried the more Les Miserables cried.

So before I am in tears myself I go out to the low tavern hoping to meet some jolly chaps. But the jolly chaps only talk about income tax, Formosa, the Yellow Peril, the last war, and the war before that.

When I get back the Devil Cat is enjoying one of her mad minutes. She is playing the game, often popular with restless children, of going round the room without touching the floor. She is leaping from the table to the dresser, from the dresser to a chair, from the chair to the stomach of one helpless Miserable to the stomach of the other.

Les Miserables squeak in agony as the full weight of the Devil Cat lands on them from a distance. Before they are in hysterics I shut the Devil Cat in the kitchen and Les Miserables, holding their bruised stomachs and snivelling pitifully, help each other upstairs to bed.

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By LEONARD MCSLEY

I WAS so mad I could have taken a horse- whip to those grinning Pontipsee boys. Here were six attractive young girls, carried off in the middle of the night by my wild brothers-in-law — and cut off by the avalanche from civilisation until spring.

And the boys had forgotten to bring the parson with them!

Oh, they kept saying they wanted to marry the girls. But how could they without a parson? No wonder the kids were terrified. This was Oregon in 1880, remember, when a decent girl had to get her father's permission to go to morning church with a boy.

Now, they would be living for five whole months in the same farm with these wild boys. And only me to keep the whole thing respectable.

THAT I was determined to do. I looked at my husband, Adam, and told him to wipe the silly grin off his face. "You're taking this too hard, Milly," he said. "Everything will work out fine. Me and the boys'll get a parson up here some way."

I was furious. "Do you think these poor girls would marry your brothers now? How could you let them do such a thing? When I think of these poor girls, sick with fright and their parents crazed with worry..."

"Adam Pontipsee, you and the boys will play in the barn in future. Until the spring comes. All of you. This house is for the girls. And now get out."

Then I went in to soothe those terrified, sobbing girls. And plan to keep the brothers-in-law away from them until the avalanche again, and I could restore them to their parents.

That night there was a knock on the door, and while the girls covered back in terror, I opened it. Outside was Caleb. He looked like a lost sheep. "Milly," he said, "We boys will stay in the barn for the

winter like you said. But Adam, your husband—he says he won't do it. He is going up to the hut in the mountains to trap there until spring."

So, early next morning, Adam took his snowshoes and was off to the mountains. I was left there other girls, alone for the winter too...

THE boys did the chores around the house and, in between chopping wood, they would stand outside the windows and sing. The girls would hooten them to come under the window, and then drop buckets of snow on their heads—or thrown snowballs at them, with rocks inside!

But I noticed that when one of the boys got a bruise on his head Daisy Mae had a tear in her eye and I had to stop her sneaking out of the house.

I kept them as entertained as I could. And "I'm going to have a baby," I told them. The news got them so excited, they even stopped squabbling among themselves.

Well, even an Oregon winter comes to an end. One day the sun had warmth in it, the snow began to melt, all the boys started rushing around in a tizzy and suddenly it was spring.

And on that day I looked down at my first-born, a baby girl.

AT that moment I had a great longing for Adam. But Adam was still up in the mountains. And as if sensing my loneliness, Gideon set out on his horse in search of his brother. He found him up at the cabin, and told him.

"Don't believe it," said Adam, still mad with me. "Just one of her tricks to get me back. I'll be back when the pass through the canyon is open. And I'll stay away till the men from the town have been and gone—and the shooting's over."

Down in the town, too, they were well aware that spring had returned. At the meeting house the parents had called together the townsfolk. "The pass is open," they announced. "All able-bodied men gather at the meeting house. Bring your

rifles, your scythes, your guns, axes—any kind of weapon. Come on, let's go."

And out of the town towards Echo Canyon streamed the angry fathers and brothers of the kidnapped girls, bent on rescue and revenge.

TOMORROW: The parents come a-fuelin'

JUST that morning I had just finished nursing my baby and when I looked up, Adam was there. "Well, what are you starting at?" he asked me. "I told you I'd be back when the pass was open again. The girls sitting around me suddenly broke into screams. The pass open? That meant that parents were on the way! And somehow, the girls looked frightened instead of pleased about it!

I asked, "What have you decided, Adam?" "I've told the boys to get the wagon ready. And I want you girls to be ready too. So go and pack. I'm going to take you back to your families."

The girls took one look at him, burst into tears, and rushed madly from the room...

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PASSPORTS TO NOWHERE

By David Laidlaw

TO many people nowadays the term "White Russian" has an archaic sound, reminiscent of the early 1920s and stories about Grand Dukes driving taxis in Paris or Grand Duchesses selling their tiaras. Yet tens of thousands of these earliest refugees from Communism—and their descendants—are still alive and far from all of them are aristocratic origin.

The situation of many of them is pitiable. Those who settled in the Iron Curtain countries and in China are being persecuted all over again, both by the Communist Governments of these countries and by the local Soviet Consulates. For most of them are now Soviet citizens, having been lured or dragged into taking Soviet nationality by a series of decrees passed by the Government of the USSR during the years 1941-48.

A vivid and moving account of the plight of one group of White Russians is given in a circular issued by the Hongkong office of the inter-denominational World Council of Churches, describing the situation in the Manchurian town of Harbin, one of the largest emigre centres in China.

No Employment

Since the Chinese Communist government "inherited" Manchuria, it has gradually driven the White Russians into a corner by refusing them employment. They have no savings to fall back upon, so if they cannot get work in China, their only alternative to starvation is to try to go somewhere else. But, as Soviet citizens, they are at the mercy of the Soviet Consulate which, through their dependence on passports and other necessary papers, holds them in an iron grip.

Many of these people have been trying to get out of China for at least 18 months. In August 1953, the Harbin Consulate issued enquiry sheets to all members of the Soviet colony, on which they had to state whether they wished to emigrate to a foreign country. As one might expect, most people answered affirmatively, but no permission was forthcoming.

Then, in the spring of 1954 the campaign for the development of the "Virgin Lands" was launched in the USSR. For this the Soviet Union needed as many manual labourers as it could get, and had no hesitation in turning the plight of the White Russians to their own advantage. An announcement was made in April by the Harbin Consulate to the effect that all Soviet citizens could go to the USSR.

Presumably in despair of ever being allowed to go anywhere else, about half the emigre population of 20,000 leapt at this offer. When they got to the Consulate to register, however, only those whose families con-

tained able-bodied young men or women received the necessary papers. Moreover, any young men who failed to "volunteer" for the Virgin Lands project were banded by the consular officials, and where they were working for Soviet organisations (by then the only jobs most of them could get) they were threatened with dismissal.

Last Party

The last party of Virgin Lands "volunteers" left Harbin at the end of August 1954, and the Consulate then announced that work would be resumed on applications for emigration. New enquiry sheets were issued, but still no one was given permission to leave. Weeks passed, and people began to queue regularly at the Consulate. All the information they got, however, was either the ironic reply, "Applications are being considered," or the more bitter negative, "You will not go—we shall not allow you to ruin your children's future."

Finally, on October 18, 1954, some 400 heads of families, representing altogether at least 1,000 individuals, were summoned to a meeting. At this the consular officials "really" showed their hands. First the Vice-Consul read out "an ineliminable list" of persons who "had applied for permission to depart to capitalist countries" and whose applications had been rejected.

Then he addressed his audience in the following words: "I wish you to understand that there is only one way for Soviet citizens to follow, and that is the way to their native country. Please think twice before you come to any sort of decision and make up your minds WITH WHOM YOU ARE." His listeners, confused and angry, (after all, had not some of them applied to go to Russia and been turned down?) shouted questions at him. Whereupon he shouted back: "If you desire to go abroad, throw your Soviet passports to the devil and do whatever you think best. That is all."

Pandemonium

Not surprisingly, pandemonium followed. That circular, quoting the words of a man who was present at the meeting, sums up the dilemma of these unhappy people as follows: "Now what are we to do? All those who applied for departure to capitalist countries are marked men... Relinquish Soviet passports? But how? Taking into consideration the hostile attitude of the Soviet Consulate, it is most likely that they will refuse to acknowledge surrender of the passports; therefore, no alteration could be made in Chinese residence certificates, falling which the Chinese authorities will still consider us as Soviet citizens and refuse exit permits."

Caught between the Scylla of the Chinese authorities (who are obviously conspiring with the Russians in their treatment of the emigres) and the Charybdis of their own Consulate, the White Russians of Harbin are in desperate straits. The circular ends with the pathetic quotation: "We are getting afraid. We begin to have the feeling of being trapped..."

THE PEOPLE CANNOT DO WITHOUT NEWSPAPERS

By JOHN MCKENNA

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In out of the way newspaper shops and on the bookstalls of suburban stations, the "locals" turned "nationals" sold like hot cakes.

Probably no other strike since the war—and Britain has had a few which have brought her near the brink of economic catastrophe—has hit so directly at the man in the street. For the first few days of the strike thousands of Londoners were quite frankly bewildered. How could they beguile theedium of long bus and train journeys to and from the suburbs without their morning and evening papers? Who won the 3.30? What was the latest "inside information" on the Premier's reported resignation and the prospect of a general election?

A certain number of the principal papers from the big provincial cities were finding their way to London. But, because of an agreement between newspaper proprietors, no more than the usual quotas were delivered to the capital.

Conditions were ripe for a spot black-market. And in several instances that's just what happened. Copies of one Scottish Sunday paper which found their way to London were selling in the West End for two shillings a time. In Nottingham one enterprising soul hired a duplicating machine and turned out his own newspaper complete with news flashes gleaned from radio bulletins and all important race results and sporting news.

ANSWER GIVEN

Two other delights on the strike. The men who make paper for the national Press were frantic trying to find storage space for the unused surplus; the Fleet Street branch of a well-known tobacconist reported nearly a fifteen percent drop in sales during the strike period.

But if the strike posed inconvenience to millions, it answered a question which has been bothering newspapermen for years—will the radio or TV ever replace the newspaper? With the radio running extra long news bulletins and TV operating "as usual," the clamour for newspapers increased day by day.



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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Watch The Bidding And Be A Winner

By OSWALD JACOBY

THERE wasn't anything really difficult about the play that counted most in today's hand. The important point is that the play simply would not be made in the average game. Don't ask me why.

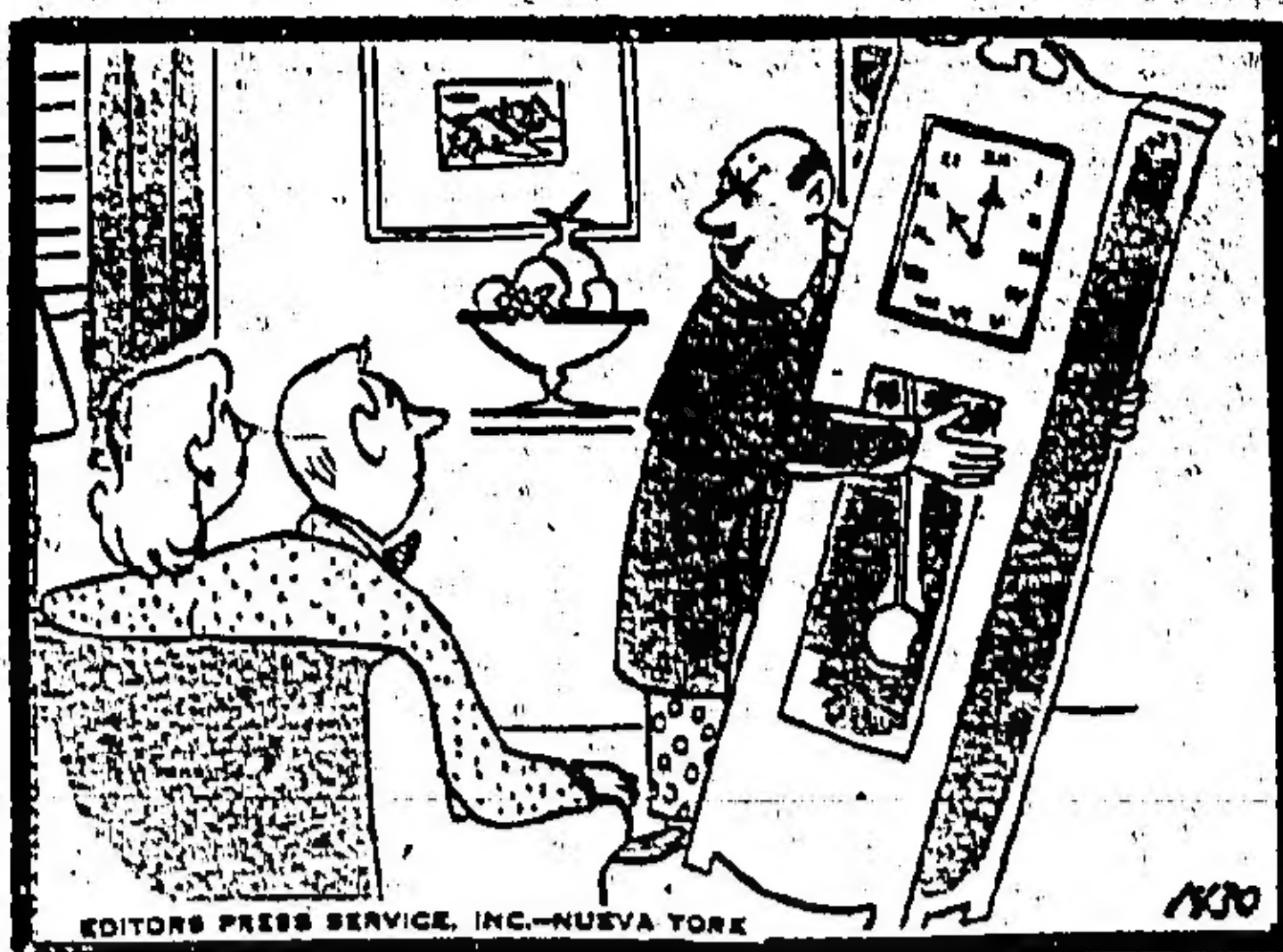
First, a word about the bidding. There's nothing wrong with a contract of six hearts, to be sure, but there is something wrong with jumping to the small slam without ever looking into the possibility of a grand slam.

If South had used the Blackwood Convention, he would have discovered that North had one ace and no kings; and then South would have been happy to stop short at six hearts.

If North could show one or two kings, however, South could think more seriously about bidding seven.

West opened the jack of diamonds, and South won with the ace. Declarer drew the trumps with his ace and king, cashed his remaining top diamonds, took the ace of clubs, and ruffed a club. He then led out the ace of spades, followed by a low spade.

West had naturally followed this revealing line of play with acute interest. By the time that



YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

BORN today, you are one of those studious, intellectual personalities who value the acquisition of learning more than physical accomplishments. You are what is called a "quiet study" and find it easy to acquire knowledge—lots of it and places about a lot of different things. If you are to achieve success in a highly competitive world—other than merely getting what you like to do—then you will have to learn to concentrate on a single objective.

When in the white heat of a new interest, you can work like a little bored after a while and your pace slackens. Then you start looking around for something new and more interesting. Soon you find it—and you're off again on a new whirl of activity. Learn to finish one job, perfectly, before you get on to the next one.

You are a fluent conversationalist and like nothing better than to hold court—the centre of an admiring group who will listen, enthralled. You would probably make a fine preacher, public lecturer or defence attorney. Since no one can ever be sure what you are going to say next, you will always get rapid attention, waiting for that surprise punch line! Your emotions are ardent and an early marriage could have an excellent balancing effect in your life.

Among those born on this date are: Raphael, the painter; John Pierpont, the banker; John R. Slaton, noted clergyman; J. C. Nugent, actor; Lowell Thomas, lecturer; Joseph Medill, publisher; and Harry Houdini, magician.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — The fates may stir things up today, but if you are patient and calm, all will turn out well enough.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) — Ever hear of the power of mind over matter? You can make good use of that theory in practice today.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — Be cautious in all business affairs for the trend may not be exactly in your direction, at this time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — There may be too many rumours to make for reliability. Test what you hear, for factual evidence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23) — Morning hours may be sluggish, so plan to get your work done after luncheon. Start working then!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — Not a good time to be too venturesome. Stick to conservative action.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Based on well-grounded facts, this is the day to meditate; get a peaceful solution of the problem.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) — Be friendly, co-operative and non-combative with fellow employees to get the best results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23) — Minor setbacks may appear discouraging on the surface, but your base of operations is sound, all goes well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20) — Think before you speak; walk softly, even if you are carrying that big old pole.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — A fine day to accomplish a great deal of important work. Get an early start.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — A compliment for someone who has worked hard may work a miracle. Try a little praise now and then.

BY THE WAY

By Beachcomber

MAYOR'S BREECHES PAWNED
Ironmonger in Loose Box
Chief Swallows Hornet

WHEN Albert Florio, Maître-Chef des Cuisines at Crews Junction Buffet, was told that the Mayor of Christchurch had pawned his breeches to pay for an outing for the Ironmonger who, last August, was shot into a loose-box by members of a local literary society, he opened his mouth so wide in astonishment that he swallowed a hornet. Luckily for both, the hornet at once flew out again, and was captured by Mrs. Calahan of White Edge. "I'd do as much for any hornet," vouchsafed petite Mrs. Calahan laughing.

Bite Mr Cogsworth, Rover!

THE young men who spend their lives in restaurants and night-clubs are apparently feeling humiliated by the growing habit among the girls of taking their dogs everywhere with them. I do not for a moment—at least not for more than a moment—suggest that the dogs are better company than the men. Of course, they drink less gloomily, but they do not dance as well. On the whole, my sympathy is with the man who, having spent three-quarters of an hour trying to get photographed, was pushed aside to make way for a poodle. I can also spare a little for the man who objected to his dancing partner carrying her dog while they danced, and was promptly bitten on the leg by the sweet little poodles in his diamond-studded collar.

Forging ahead

IT has been announced that, in an American factory, a new plant enables 4,500 workers to equal the production of 11,000 workers in older factories. What happens to the 4,500 men displaced by the new machinery has not been announced. But an industrialist has said, with heavy common sense, that the new machines "will not eat up our farm surplusages." The more quickly men can be replaced by machines, the more food there will be for the unemployed to eat. By the time only a few men are needed to work the machines, there will be such a huge surplus of food that scientists will have to invent machines to eat it.

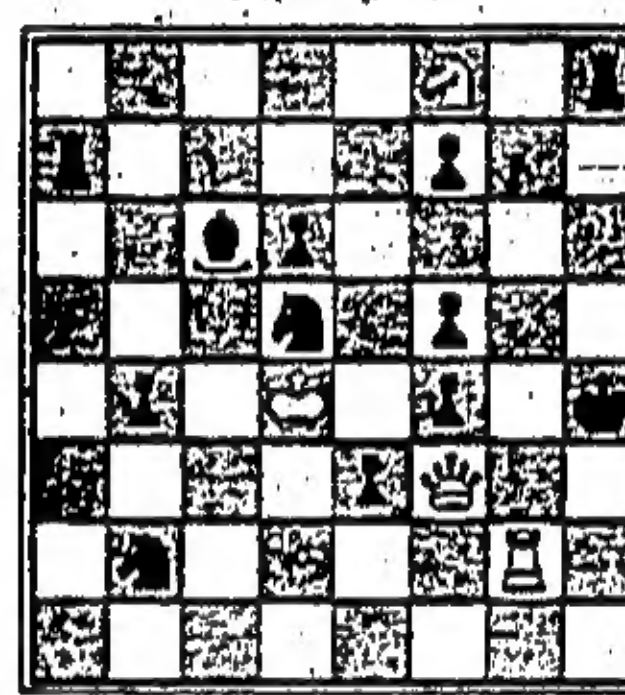
Change at Mockpudding

WHATEVER novelties are planned for the railways, they will never be deprived of that disembodied voice which cries: "The next train for Fiddensham is now at platform nine, Caw-leong of Saurdleigh, Gohburst, Spowie, Fudstone, and Ladybury are now at Gladwick please turn to the last luggage awdier!"

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. GOLDSTEIN

Black, 12 pieces.



White, 4 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Q-Kt4, any; 2. Q, or R (dis ch, or dbl ch) mates.

WOMANSENSE

Elegant Tailored Suit



For coolness and elegance on a hot day choose a black silk shantung suit. This one by Julian Rose has velvet collar, neat fitted jacket, and new detail in the jacket's buttoned tabs—Express Photo.

CURVES FOR THE THIN GIRL

Stress And Strain May Prevent Normal Gain

By Ida Jean Kain

AS you may recall from your Shakespeare days, "Now good digestion wait on appetite and health on both!" Well, thin girls, curves wait on both also. So at ease while we talk a bit about the effects of stress and strain, which undeniably affect the digestion and assimilation of food.

Individuals react differently to stress. Through nervous tension, some of you tighten up and burn calories extravagantly, others suffer from diarrhoea, and some of you lose your appetite. All of these reactions have a bearing on digestion and assimilation. So, get at the cause rather than merely dosing the effect.

We emphasised recently the importance of iron as a factor in appetite and gaining. Also, your haemoglobin level is an important clue to disposition. It's been said, "A bit of iron can sweeten a cranky woman." Moreover, girls, with a weight gain, more padding is added to the nervous system, they aren't so close to the surface. One improvement leads to another—and to curves.

Grade A Nutrition For Weight Gaining

Only food which is properly assimilated can help you to turn good nutrition into curves. That is, only after the food gets into the blood stream can it be of value. The hurry habit puts the body under undue pressure. Are you in the habit of eating breakfast on the run, and often having a quick lunch? The increased rate of movement of food through the intestinal track is no help to gaining. Relax—at least at meals—and give nature a chance.

Energy Squandered

Inner calmness is all important. Is your emotional boiling point low so that you fly off easily? Under the emotions of anger and resentment, the glands pour out adrenalin and you squander energy. The common expression "burned up" is the clue to what happens to the precious pounds.

Also, emotional upsets interfere with digestion. Do you frequently say, "I'm so upset I can't eat"? Flying off is half habit, set off by a conditioned response to situations. Once you recognise this, you can "peppercorn" control. The next time you are tempted to flare up, tell that

AN HOUR BEFORE BEDTIME

Glass of Hot Milk
Brown Sugar Cookie

NOTE: One teaspoon of cod liver oil or one Vitamin A and D capsule should be taken daily.

Chilled Orange and Grapefruit Juice
Hot Cereal with Raisins
Milk and Cream
Buttered Toast and Honey
Glass of Milk
1 Cup of Coffee, if desired

Vegetable Soup
Cream Cheese on Date-Nut Bread
Baked Apple
Glass of Milk

Baked Ham
Sweet Potato
Peas and Mushrooms
Bread and Butter
Grapefruit and Lettuce Salad
French Dressing
Hot Gingerbread with Whipped Cream
Hot Tea

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Rain carried into the house may turn a floor white in spots. When dry, rub the spots lightly with steel wool and denatured alcohol. Then apply two thin coats of fresh, white shellac. Dry between coats.

One sensible way to brighten a softwood floor that is old and worn and not worth refinishing, is to paint it.

It is economical in the long run to use a good quality floor paint or enamel which will stand up, and if the floor is to be subjected to heavy traffic, use three coats.

When mothers go visiting with their infants, it is a wise precaution to take along one or two moisture-proof cellphane bags to hold wet diapers.

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you, he shouted to someone on the other side of the street. He dashed off.

Helping Her Cross

It was an old lady-bug with a cane, fearfully trying to cross the street. Pixie O'Cop had gallantly helping her.

Knarl and Handi smiled, as they watched him.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

O'Cop's Job Isn't Easy

—That's Because Folks Like to Break Rules—

By MAX TRELL

"I've told you once, I've told you a hundred times," Pixie O'Cop was saying as Knarl and Handi, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, came over to the fence at the side of the garden.

At first, they couldn't see to whom he was talking. But finally they saw that it was a spider!

"I don't see why I can't put my web here," the spider said in a sharp high-pitched voice. "It's not bothering anybody, is it?"

For answer, Pixie O'Cop took a little black book out of his coat pocket, flipped a couple of pages, then cleared his throat and began to read: "Rules and Regulations, Number 603. Putting spider webs on fences is forbidden on account they're untidy."

"That's a silly rule," said the spider.

"Silly or not," said Pixie O'Cop, who was about as tall as a peanut and wore a blue uniform with large dandelion buttons, "that's the rule and you'll obey it."

"Then where can I put my web?" said the spider.

"Put it in the cellar," said Pixie O'Cop.

Disappointed Spider

The spider grumbled a bit and took herself off. Knarl and Handi walked with Pixie O'Cop across the garden till they came to the long fence on the other side of the fence. Here, half hidden from sight by the tall stalks of grass and the stalks of different flowers was a whole town in which lived most of the bugs and insects of the field.

There were streets and avenues and boulevards which crossed and criss-crossed one another. It was the town of Bugby-in-the-Field.

Reaching this place, Pixie O'Cop walked down the main

street, nodding to the passers-by and the merchants. Finally he leaned against the lamp-post and mopped the perspiration from his forehead with a handkerchief.

"It's hot work, seeing that everybody obeys the rules and regulations," said Pixie O'Cop to Knarl and Handi. "I'm at it from morning till night with hardly a chance for a breather. Hey, there," he suddenly shouted to a grasshopper, "you're not allowed to throw orange peels on the sidewalk!"

The grasshopper hastily picked up the orange peels and threw them in a trash can.

"You have to keep your eyes open, every minute," Pixie O'Cop said to Knarl and Handi. "I don't know why folks seem to like to break the rules and regulations. No ball playing allowed!" he shouted to two young beetles, who were throwing what seemed to be a heavy black pebble against the window of a store.

The two beetles quickly ran away.

"There, you see what I mean," said Pixie O'Cop to Knarl and Handi, "never a minute's rest. All right! All right! I'll help



Pixie O'Cop helped the old lady-bug.

you, he shouted to someone on the other side of the street. He dashed off.

Helping Her Cross

It was an old lady-bug with a cane, fearfully trying to cross the street. Pixie O'Cop had gallantly helping her.

Knarl and Handi smiled, as they watched him.</

Cycling's Personality Of The Week —Paddy Bouch

By "N'TACA"

Six feet one inch tall, thirteen stone in weight, as Irish as the pigs in Dublin and one of the best all-round riders in the Colony. That is Paddy Bouch, 7th Hussars, and our Personality for the week.

Paddy started his cycling career in 1947, joining the National CC of Ireland, where he quickly gravitated to the racing game in all its aspects. Time Trialling brought him his first rewards, and he has taken first place awards in many classic events, his times speaking for his ability. A "25" in 59-58; "50" in 2-1-10; "100" in 4-24-50, and 241 miles covered in twelve hours show definite "class".

The massed start side of cycling also put him in the headlines, where his strong and clever riding was extolled many times. It is the Stage Race which gets his preference, the longer the better.

An all-round athlete, he is often called upon by his Unit to take part in foot races up to three miles, this being not a good thing for a racing cyclist in the middle of the season. Gymnasium work and Weight-training are all part of his training method, coupled with many fast miles on his machine. He "eats anything", but is no lover of greasy foods and likes to obtain plenty of fresh fruit and milk.

Another facet of his training which should be remembered by the novice as well as the expert, is his determination to put in at least eight hours sleep a night. The body wants some time to build up and recuperate from training and racing.

Bouch suffers from the handicap of being too big for his cycle, with the result that his position is rather more cramped than he would like. Despite this, he has to his credit the second-fastest "25" ever in the Colony, a 1-1-10.

Essentially a team man, Paddy rides best when he is in the company of his mates, and has led them to all their victories to date. With his great all-round ability, he is potentially one of the Colony's best, and we expect his name to appear with regularity well up the finishing lists in future events.

In common with most riders out here, his main ambition is to get back to his home club, then to take part in as many races of all types as he possibly can. And who can blame him?

FINEST RACE

The first-ever cycle Race open to all riders in the Far East will be promoted by the go-ahead, 7th Hussars, when they hold the 60 miles Massed Start Race on May 8, to which riders from Singapore and Malacca have been invited. Teams representing the RAF in Hongkong, and the NTACA will defend the honour of the Colony, and it is expected that this will be the finest race to be held to date. An excellent course has been selected, the same as that used in the first day of the NTACA Three Day Race, a course which will call for the best riders can give.

All arrangements are in the capable hands of L. "Gerry" Berrigan, REME, attached to 7th Hussars, and their Cycling Officer, so we know the original intention will be "spot on". This is an event which must not be missed by any lover of the game, an event to be talked about for years to come.

The second Annual race for the Kai Tak Cup was held on Sunday last over a distance of 80 Kilometres, made up of 32 laps of the Kai Tak Circuit. Winner in a sprint finish was Wilkinson, who beat Hurford by a length with Beck in third place.

Beck led for most of the distance and really threw the race away by not trying to "burn off" his two attendants, both of whom he knew to have better sprints than himself. Hurford did particularly well, as he had not ridden a cycle for over a fortnight, only entering at the last moment to make up the REME Team.

He rode a borrowed machine, his own being packed ready to go home on the 6th. At least he had the consolation of leading his team to yet another victory, their second in this particular race, with Ellingham in fourth place after a plucky race, and Lord seventh.

To be congratulated on his course is Baldock, of the Pegasus CC, who continued to the bitter end although three laps down on the leaders. Gowar

struck an off-day, being dropped off by the leading trio after twelve miles and never getting back, while Galloway surprised everyone with a gallant effort to finish ahead of Gowar in a sprint finish for fifth place.

The circuit has been much improved, the surface smooth and cleared of grit. But there are still seven acute bends to each of the thirty-two laps.

It is brought to the notice of all prospective riders that the NTACA 100 Miles Time Trial Championship scheduled for next Sunday has had to be postponed until the following Wednesday, the 13th. Start will be at 1 p.m.

UNCOVERED TALENT

Answers to my question of last week on Teams for the Singapore Massed Start Stage Race due to be held at the end of July, have revealed the disquieting fact that a large number of our present best riders will be RHE by that date.

Which means we shall have to rely to a large extent on talent uncovered by the Novices Competitions. The NTACA are fairly safe, with Bouch, Rolt, Cowlan and Jones of the Hussars, backed up by Ellingham and Sanderson of REME.

In fact, the NTACA can raise two full teams and still have a few left over for reserves. But the RAF are in a bad way, with Galloway, Foster and Gowar on the way out in the near future. They have some good riders in embryo, but it is a moot question as to whether or not they will be fit enough in time. So we are now calling All RAF Cyclists. Get your iron on out and put some miles in!

The old argument of Fixed versus Free for Hill climbing has again raised its head. A number of riders say they can climb hills like Twisk better on a fixed gear of 50 than on a variable gear of 55. I cannot quite understand why this should be so. Gears are gears, whether they be fixed or free, and the frictional losses incurred by the use of a variable gear are too small to be of any real consequence.

Be that as it may, it must be admitted that there is something in the assertion. Can anyone enlighten me as to the reasons? Or is it just our old friend, "Psychology" again?

The racing season is nearing its close, and the Record-breaker will soon come into his own. It is known that one or two riders have their eyes set on the Record Book, and have already prepared schedules for their various attempts. Ron Beck has his target in the as yet unridden Sek Kong-Kai Tak and Back ride, and an attempt is expected very shortly. Among the Veterans, the Sek Kong-Kai Tak, New Territories Road Circuit and Twisk Hill Climb records are still to be taken, and Capt. Lord is getting ready to try them all before he goes home in September.

Perhaps the safest on the Book are the 100 miles of Beck and the NT Road Circuit of Gowar. Both are outstanding riders and will require luck as well as ability before they are beaten. All this brings me, very cunningly, to the question for the week. Which do you think the most outstanding of existing records, and why?

Interport Postal Shoot On May 29

Manila, Apr. 6. The second Interport postal shooting match between the Philippines, Japan and Hongkong has been scheduled for May 29, it was announced here yesterday.

The competition will be limited to three events to be held in accordance with international rules. They are the pistol, the 22 calibre rifle and the 22 calibre rifle three positions—France-Press.

Starting Times At Fanling

Following are the draw and starting times for the Shanghai Visitors Cup to be played over 36 holes at Fanling on Easter Sunday—

A.M. Old Course		New Course P.M.	
9.05	J. C. van der Touw	1.05	J. U. Young
9.10	J. K. Watson	1.10	R. E. Wilson
9.15	R. Blacklock	1.15	R. E. Wilson
9.20	P. R. B. B. B.	1.20	P. R. B. B. B.
9.25	A. P. Subtil	1.25	D. S. M. M.
9.30	W. Van Alst	1.30	K. J. Conover
9.35	W. N. Gray	1.35	W. A. Johnson
9.40	S. B. Gordon	1.40	H. W. E. Heath
9.45	W. J. Clouston	1.45	John W. L.
9.50	P. J. Day	1.50	B. F. F. F.
9.55	W. J. F. F.	1.55	A. Macdonald
10.00	W. J. F. F.	2.00	D. S. M. M.
10.05	P. C. B. B.	2.05	M. A. Brown
10.10	E. B. B. B.	2.10	A. D. Jones
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11.05	E. B. B. B.	3.05	J. U. Young
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11.55	E. B. B. B.	3.55	J. U. Young
12.00	E. B. B. B.	4.00	J. U. Young



The Philippines' leading player, Felicissimo Ampon, with the Hongkong Champion, Ip Koon-hung. — China Mail Photo.

Trinidad Out For 217 Against Australians

Port of Spain, Apr. 5.

The Australian touring side, robbed of any play before lunch owing to rain, got rid of the three outstanding Trinidad batsmen here today, second day of their match, for the addition of 29 runs to the overnight score to put the home side all out for 217.

Then despite a further rain interruption and the loss of two wickets for only 47 runs the Australians finished the day with 108 for two, almost halfway to a first innings lead, with eight wickets in hand.

Ray Lindwall claimed the three Trinidad wickets today to give him figures of six for 41. Lindwall broke Ferguson's wicket with the new ball and had Babbs' off stump out of the ground with his next delivery.

Butler, however, avoided being the hat-trick victim as Lindwall's next went outside the leg stump. He eventually had Butler let before, however, to bring the innings to a close.

Favell, playing his first innings of the tour, opened with Morris and hit the first ball he received for six. He continued this onslaught to reach 19 before his partner opened his account, but then Morris took five boundaries in his first six scoring strokes and Australia, in whirlwind style, were 44 without loss at tea.

Soon after that interval Morris and Harvey were dismissed for the addition of only three runs. But Favell found a sound partner in Watson and this pair put on 75 without being separated. Most credit must go to Favell, however, for his not out 66 was a grand performance after those two early dismissals and he has so far hit three sixes and six fours.

Scoreboard on the second day of the four-day match between Trinidad and the Australian Tourists was:

Trinidad (overnight 188 for seven).	
H. Furlonge, b. Lindwall	57
J. Stollmeyer, b. Lindwall	9
Legal, c. Burge, b. Archer	0
R. Tang Choon, lbw b. Johnston	12
G. Gomez, b. Hill	45
W. Hodgson, b. Lindwall	36
C. Furlonge, lbw b. Archer	9
S. Oliver, not out	25
W. Ferguson, b. Lindwall	18
K. Babbs, b. Lindwall	0

HORSES TO BACK IN 1955

Gesture Can Depend On His Stamina

Says JAMES PARK

Here I continue my Twelve to Follow for the season (writes James Park). On Monday I gave Chivalry, Criticism, Double Red and Drakenfels. Today's four are:

Gesture. (5 years, Chestnut colt by Beau Sabreur—Caramid). I noted this colt on several occasions as a two-year-old, but it was not until his final outing that he got his head in front. I was a bit tired of him by then, and up he popped at 10-1.

Now that I have seen him this year I can understand the earlier failures. He was little more than a racehorse in the making as a two-year-old.

FILLED OUT
He has filled out to a remarkable extent during the winter, and is now a grand looking colt.

I expect he will start off in mile races, and as the season progresses be given a chance to play upon his stamina. Golovine (5 yrs. Brown horse by Precipitation—Coppala). Two victories at 100 to 8, and 7 to 1 enabled this horse to justify his position in last year's Twelve to Follow.

He trained off in the second half of the season, but when I saw him the other day he looked

as well as at any time during his career.

As he wound up with three unplaced efforts, the handicappers should not be too severe. Golovine is my stand-by in the long-distance races. He is no performer, but he stays two miles and his appearance suggests Harry Wragg has coaxed him back into good heart.

Lapworth (4 yrs. Chestnut gelding by Torbido—Faisetta). I did not think much of this gelding in the early part of last year. He was all legs and his form was nothing to write home about. Trainer Syd Mercer did a good job of work.

By the time the autumn arrived Lapworth was a different horse to what he had been

earlier in the season. I like the battling qualities of Lapworth and think he will have another good season.

CHANGED STABLES
Oriental Spring (4 yrs. Chestnut colt by Jai Hind—Februa). This colt was running in selling races in the first half of last season, but is a little above the class. He won an apprenticeship race over a mile and a half at Ascot, but his right distance is probably a mile and a quarter.

He changed stables in the course of the season, and is now in the care of C. F. Jendin at Blewbury, in Berkshire.

I shall not be surprised if he shows in advance of anything he has yet accomplished, as he is a well-made colt with a turn of finishing speed.

(London, Evening Standard)

THE GAMBOLS



YESTERDAY'S TENNIS EXHIBITION

THE "MIGHTY MITE" WAS MUCH TOO GOOD FOR OUR LONG-REIGNING CHAMPION

By "TOUCHWOOD"

So now we know. Until yesterday tennis fans in the Colony were led to believe that the standard of tennis amongst our topnotchers like Ip Koon-hung, K. C. Dao, Ng Man-cheung and Edwin Tsai was as good if not better than that of neighbouring countries.

The exhibition match between the Philippines Davis Cup players and the cream of Hongkong proved how wrong they were in regarding our players as of international class.

Far from being anywhere near the Philippines or Japanese standard, our players have lots to learn before they reach Davis Cup class.

The defeat of our Champion, Ip Koon-hung, by the Philippines No. 1, Felicissimo Ampon, the "Mighty Mite," gave tennis fans an indication of the gap between our standard and that of the Philippines.

Ip's 6-1, 6-4 defeat yesterday was one of the most conclusive he has encountered in his career. The Philippine No. 1 made Ip Koon-hung look like a novice in the exhibition. Ampon's accurate fore- and backhand drives, which invariably left Ip standing, were a treat to watch.

Ampon's remarkable passing shots, which appeared to come from nowhere, left Ip guessing all the while and most times fans saw a bewildered Ip being passed with shots which were too well away for him to retrieve.

There are those who still give explanations for Ip's defeat. Some remarked that the Colony Champion was out of practice, but this is a very poor and unsporting excuse.

Let there be no doubt as to Ampon's superiority. Ampon, who stands two inches over five feet, is the most polished player the Colony has seen.

Because of Ampon's stature, he executes strokes that literally skim the net and, in the three-quarters of an hour match with Ip, Ampon made his opponent run the four corners of the court with deceptive shots.

Ampon was deadly at half court and at the baseline. The Colony Champion could do nothing to counter his drives. Time and again in the few rallies of the match Ampon's sudden cross court drives were winners all the way.

TUED MAN
Ip was a very tired man after the first set. He was seen to rest on a nearby chair in between games—a thing the Colony Champion never does in the local championships. It was clear that Ampon's style and stroke play was not to Ip's liking.

To console us, K. C. Dao did manage to take a set off the Philippines No. 2, Raymond Deyro. Here again, it was a notehalant Deyro who was playing more to the gallery than to win and because of this Dao managed to take the first set at 6-4.

When Deyro opened up, and showed the spectators a glimpse of his true self, it was a short cut to end the exhibition and he won the set at 6-2.

The exhibition at least showed us that we have the material to build up a future Davis Cup team in players like schoolboy Ng Man-cheung, who did very well to give Johnny Jose, the Philippines No. 3, a good match before bowing out at 6-1, 6-2.

Ng demonstrated that though he faced a player of international class, he was not in the least worried. Ng has the match temperament—a requisite of Champions—and several shots off Ng's racquet yesterday caught Jose on the wrong foot, which showed that with more competitive tennis Ng will one day be ready to represent the Colony in international competition.

The Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association would do well to encourage players like Ng to take a more serious interest in the game.

The programme for this evening is as follows: J. Jose v Ho Cheung-po; J. Jose and C. Carmona v Tsai Wei-pui and V. T. Wang; F. Ampon and R. Deyro v Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai; K. C. Dao v F. Ampon.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer:
Div. 1: South China v HKCS (CHI) 8 p.m.
Div. 2: "A": Police v RAF (ES) 8 p.m.
Div. 3: "B": CMB v Telephone (NAVY); Little Sai Wan v Prisoners (SKP). Both matches at 8 p.m.

Hockey:
Div. 2: "A": RAF "B" v Sookun-pots "A" (Kai Tak) 8.45 p.m.

Tennis:
Exhibition matches at HKCC between FI Davis Cup team and Hongkong.

TOMORROW

Soccer:
Div. 1: St. Joseph's v Kwong Wah (Club) 8 p.m.
Div. 2: "A": Club v Gymnasium (SKP); Sing Tao v CAA (CHI). Both matches at 8 p.m.

Boxing:
Invitational Tournament at China Fleet Club at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Hockey:
Div. 2: KTC v HKHC.

VICTORIOUS MCC TEAM RETURNS

London, Apr. 5.

Nine members of the MCC touring side to Australasia arrived home by air today in charge of Mr. Geoffrey Howard, the manager.

They were Keith Andrew, Bob Appleyard, Bill Edrich, Peter Leader, Peter May, Reg Simpson, Brian Statham, Johnny Wardle and Vic Wilson. Colin Cowdrey and Tom Graveney came back last week. Jim McConnon returned earlier owing to injury while Trevor Bailey and Frank Tyson are due on Good Friday.

This leaves Len Hutton, the victorious captain, Godfrey Evans, Alec Bedser and Denis Compton still to arrive.

The first three named are on their way by sea and Compton went to South Africa to join his wife before returning.

Today's party was welcomed by members of the MCC and all were very fit though tired because of an almost nonstop journey via Honolulu and New York.

Peter May, England's Vice Captain, said the success in Australia and New Zealand was due to team spirit. He was sorry that Hutton was not present to share in the great moment of home coming. "Hutton was our inspiration," May declared.

Hutton and Evans, with their wives, were leaving Australia, by ship today and Hutton sent a message with the party which arrived this afternoon. "The youngsters have been the key factor in our success," he said. "but it must not be forgotten how much they owe to those of experience."

With little publicity in the London area because of the newspaper strike, the arrival was comparatively quiet. Some of the players were met by their wives and children and Wardle had a Test match stump apiece for his two boys. Most of the players will disperse to their homes this evening—China Mail Special.

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MARRIAGES

ARRAS-LOCK—The marriage took
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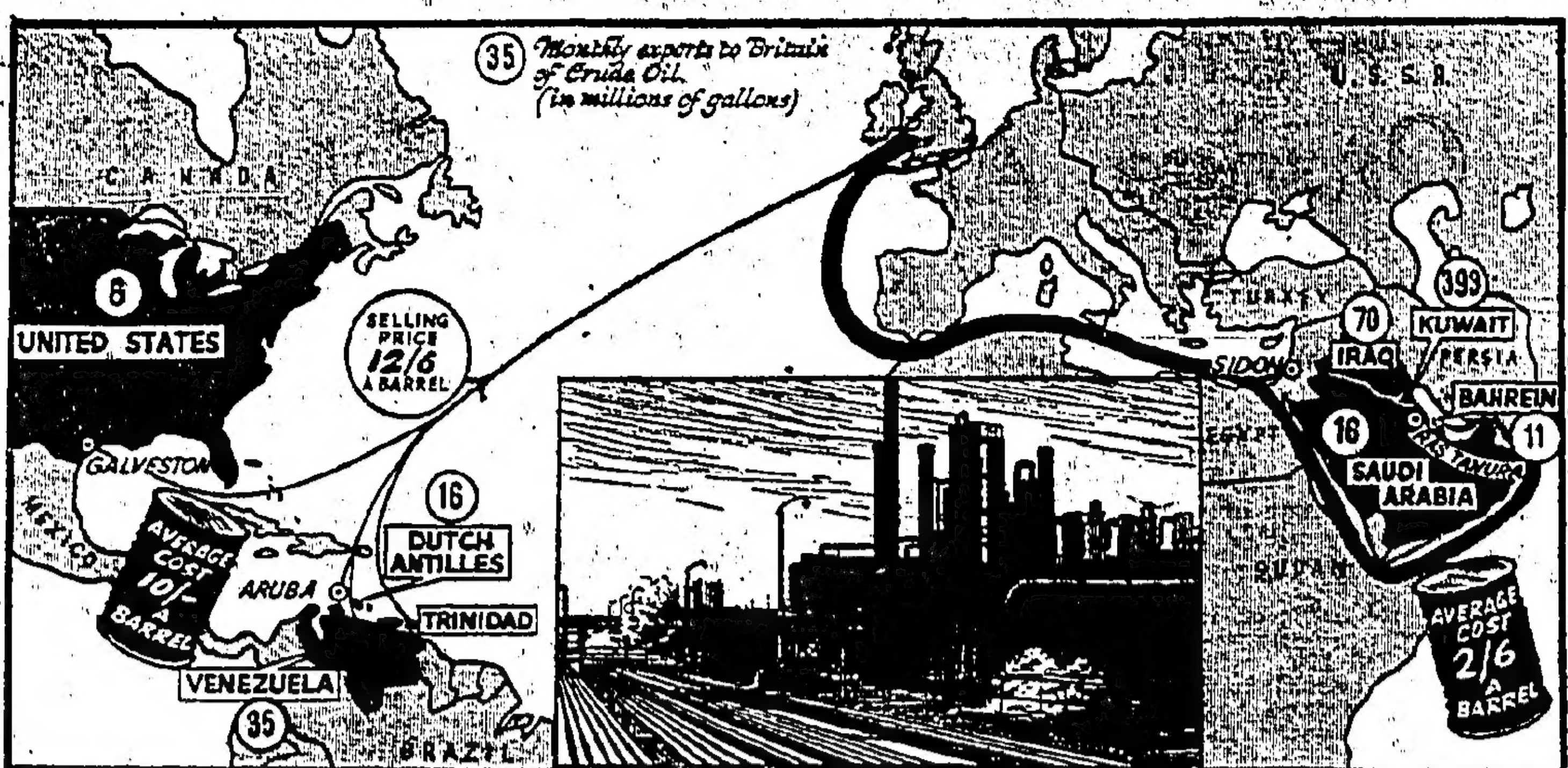
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BANK HOLIDAYS

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be closed for the transaction
of public business on Friday,
Saturday and Monday, the 8th,
9th and 11th April 1955.
(Easter Holidays).

Hongkong, 6th April, 1955.

THE OIL PRICE PUZZLE



Britain Pays US Rates

"FILL her up," says the
motorist, taking the
family out in the car for
the first time since the ar-
rival of spring. The
garage man fills her up—at
a price. And the yearly
grumble about petrol prices
starts again.

Why should bus fares be
so high? Why should it cost
so much to fill a car's
petrol tank?

Tax is largely to blame,
of course. But it is far from
being the whole of the
story. Even without it, the
price of petroleum in
Britain is often five times
the cost of its production in
Kuwait.

REFINING

THE recent United
Nations report has
caused a sensation. News-
map summaries here the
facts behind the report.

Before the war, half our
petroleum came from the
western hemisphere, and
most of our imported total
was refined before it cross-
ed the seas.

Now the picture has
changed. Britain gets nearly
all its imports in the form
of crude oil—and refines it
over here. Moreover, im-
ports from America have
dwindled to a mere trickle
—only a tenth of the
mighty flow that now comes
from the Middle East.

PEGGED

THE report points out
that oil is cheap to pro-
duce in the Middle East—
much cheaper than in
America. It claims that
world prices of Middle East
oil are pegged to those of
American oil, with the
result that consumers
taking cheap oil from the
Middle East nevertheless
pay high American prices.

But sooner or later the
price structure will have to
take heed of reality—be-
cause oil is becoming more
and more important as fuel.

British imports are twice as
much as prewar.
Until nuclear energy
comes, they are likely to go
on increasing for a long
time—for every year coal
gets more and more costly
to mine.

Radio Hongkong

R.H.T. Time Signal and Programme
Summary: 6.00, Lucky Dip—Variety
Requests presented by Jean
(Studio); 7.00, The Royal and Al-
bert; 7.15, Henry Longhurst
(BBC); 7.30, Rhythmic Interlude
(Kino Lake); 7.45, Jack (Guitar)
(Studio); 7.50, A Life of
Bliss Part I. Written by Geoffrey
Harrier. Produced by Leslie Bridg-
mont with George Cole, Diana
Churchill and Colin Gordon
(BBC); 7.55, Weather Report;
8.00, Time Signal Radio News
(London Relay); 8.05, Commentary
(London Relay) or Special An-
nouncements; 8.15, Gypsy Nights;
8.30, Prize Winners Concert at
Queen's College (Recorded); 8.45,
Wednesday Theatre "For Dear Life"
A play by Lionel Brown (BBC);
9.00, Fantasy on the "Old 104th"
Piano Tune (Vaughan Williams);
9.10, Music of the Twentieth
Century; 10.00, Weather Report; 11.00,
Time Signal Radio News
(London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight
Music; God Save the Queen; 11.30,
Close Down.

India Govt Introducing Decimal System

New Delhi, Apr. 5.
The Indian Government plans
to introduce the decimal system
in the country.

Replying to a Parliamentary
question today, a Vice-Finance
Minister Arun Chandra said the
question of decimalising Indian
money was being studied.

A committee had been set up
to consider the consequences
which would follow the in-
troduction of the metric system
for weights, measures and
money.

The question was also being
examined by the Planning
Commission.

He hoped that a decision
would be made in the near
future.—France-Press.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting
shown below are those for un-
registered correspondence posted
at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest
posting times elsewhere which,
in general, are earlier than the
G.P.O. times can be ascertained
by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for
registered articles are generally
one hour earlier than the times
shown below. Particulars regard-
ing special mails can be ascer-
tained by enquiry at any post office.

EASTER HOLIDAYS
On Friday, Saturday and
Monday, April 8, 9, 10, the public
counters at G.P.O. and C.P.O.
Kowloon will be opened for
public business from 9 a.m. to
noon. The Shuangwan Post
Office will be closed on April 9
to noon for sale of postage
stamps only and all other Branch
Offices will be closed on April 9
to noon for sale of postage
stamps only. There will be one
general delivery of mail at 10
a.m. and one collection from
all pillar boxes on April 9 and
10. There will be no delivery on
Easter Monday, April 11, but
the one collection from all
pillar boxes.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Formosa & Canada, 6 p.m.
Switzerland, Denmark, Norway &
Sweden, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

By Air

Japan, 3 a.m.

Thailand, 3 a.m.

Malaya, 3 a.m.

Philippines, 3 a.m.

USA, 2 p.m.

By Surface

Korea, 9 a.m.

China, People's Republic, 10.30

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India, 11 a.m.

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They Eat The Best But Live In Fear

**SPEND THEIR LIVES LOOKING
OVER THEIR SHOULDERS**

Vienna, Apr. 5.

Judging by reports brought here by
travellers and refugees, there is little fun being
a Communist leader in the Soviet satellite states
of Eastern Europe.

It is true that they can, and often do, live
lives of luxury, are driven about in big American
cars, inhabit beautiful, comfortably furnished
villas, eat and drink of the best in the land. This
luxury is emphasised, too, the reports brought
here say, by the fact that the mass of workers
around them live lives of austere poverty.

But when it comes to personal
liberty, there seems little to
choose between the Communist
leaders and the prisoners in
their concentration camps.

was investigated and all per-
sonal documents examined. The
building of the Physical Training
School at Bielyany, where the
congress took place, was sur-
rounded by a cordon of militia.

The First Secretary of the
Communist party in Poland,
Bierut, works in the Belvedere
on the Klonowa Ulica and lives
in the house next door. The
road passing these houses is
closed to all traffic, and guards
are posted all round them at
close intervals. Marshal Rokos-
sovski also has a villa near to
Bierut, which is surrounded by
a high wall and thickly guarded.

Most of the Polish Party
leaders live in a colony of villas
on the side of Warsaw, at Konstancin.
The whole area round the villas
is surrounded by a high barbed-
wire fence with guards armed
with rifles and bayonets or sub-
machine-guns every hundred
yards or so.

RUMANIA

When high Party or Govern-
ment leaders move about the
city of Bucharest or the
country they travel in big,
usually American, cars. They
generally have an escort car
which follows at a dangerous
near and cuts out any traffic
which tries to get in between.

When approaching cross roads
the drivers give special signals.
The police switch the lights so
that the cars can pass at great
speed and are never held up.

The whole area, from Bufet
to the Arcul de Triumf, has
been heavily guarded ever since
the Prime Minister, Mr
Gheorghiu-Dej, moved into a
villa on the Scamenei Estate. All
benches which used to line this
route have been removed, and
pedestrians are forbidden to
loiter in the neighbourhood.
Agents check the identity of any
workers engaged in the district
every day.

General Bodnars, Minister of
the Armed Forces, has an escort
car fitted with special guards
who jump out the second the car
stops and takes up aggressive
attitudes. When, in February
1954, Bodnars could not go by
because of the deep snow, he was
seen walking to work escorted
by two bodyguards with sub-
machine guns at the ready.

BULGARIA

Here, too, high officials al-
ways drive in fast Russian
cars followed by guard cars.
When the statue to the Red
Army was unveiled in Specem-
ber 1954, the leading officials
drove right up to the statue
just as it was to be unveiled
and drove away immediately
afterwards.

The Party leaders live in well
guarded villas on a road near
Boyana, on the mountain over-
looking Sofia. Mr Chervenkov,
the Prime Minister, has a house
outside Sofia entirely surround-
ed by high walls. Anton Yugov,
lives in Sofia, but in a street
with a "no entry" sign at both
ends.

HUNGARY

The leaders do not appear
much in public. They travel
in special cars with drawn
curtains and have special red
headlights and harsh horns so
that the police know them and
always give them free passage.
Guard cars weave from side to
side behind to prevent over-
taking by strange cars.

The only sport which the Party
and Government leaders in Hun-
gary get is also done under
closest police protection. In 1952,
orders were given that no fisher-
men were allowed anywhere
near the backwaters leading
into the State game reserve be-
tween Fokko and Camad, on the
Danube.

In 1953, further orders
forbade fishermen to land on the
eastern banks of the Danube in
this area or to go further than
half way across the river. The
police, moreover, patrol the
river while secret police guards
with Tommy-guns line the bank
at close intervals.—China Mail
Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



FERD'NAND

By Mik



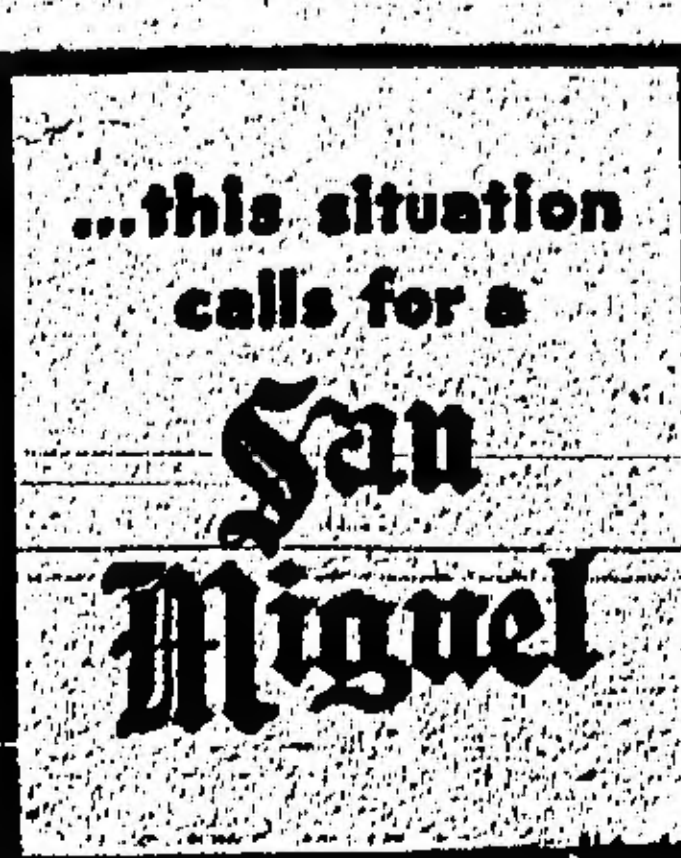
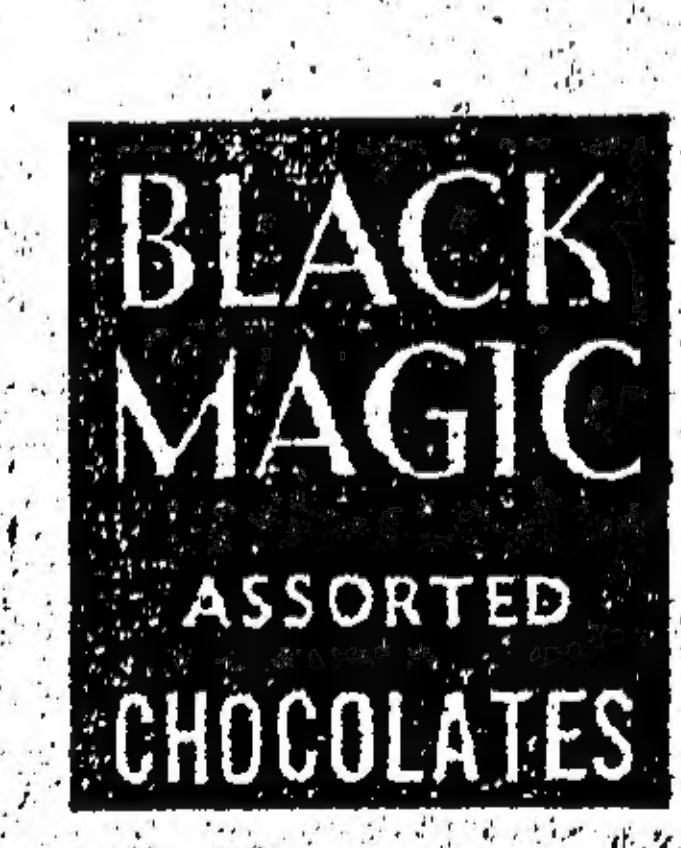
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1955.

SHEAFFER'S

ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

'FAITHFUL SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE'

COURT REDUCES 15-YEAR SENTENCE ON HOLD-UP MAN

A 15-year sentence passed on Chan Hon-chuen at the March Criminal Sessions for robbing various people in cars last November and December was reduced to 11 years this morning by the Full Court of Appeal, comprising the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, and Mr Justice J. Wicks.

The Full Court ordered the 12 strokes also imposed on Chan by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg to remain.

Chan was convicted of four counts of robbery with aggravation. He was said to have held up his victims in their cars with toy guns and then to have driven them to lonely places where he robbed them.

He appealed that the total of 15 years was too much for the four robberies.

Crown Counsel, Mr D. E. Greenfield, submitted that in view of Chan's record the sentences were very lenient.

Chan was convicted of larceny in 1948 and expelled. He was then sentenced in 1949 for three robberies and within three months of his release in September, 1954 he committed four other robberies. In one case he threatened to shoot the children of his victim if she did not leave her car. In another case he threatened the husband that he would shoot his wife.

A BAD RECORD.

Mr Justice Gould agreed that Chan had a very bad record but the Court considered 15 years somewhat excessive even for such a record.

The Court refused to alter the sentence of five years and 12 strokes passed on Chan, Chi-lau alias Kuo Tai who was charged together with Chan Hon-chuen on one of the robbery counts.

Chan blamed his lack of education for the crime, saying that he really had no intention of robbing the woman driver.

He admitted a previous conviction for demanding money with menace.

Three appeals against severity of sentence were refused by the Full Court of Appeal this morning.

In one case Mr Justice T. J. Gould remarked that it was bordering upon impertinence when the prisoner, Lam Hin, declared that he had no reason for appealing other than wanting his sentence of five years and six strokes to date from his arrest.

Lam was sentenced in the March Criminal Sessions for robbing a taxi driver in Kowloon City last November.

PLANNED ROBBERY.

To two other prisoners, Wong Kuo and Lee Tai, who sought a reduction of sentence of seven years and 18 strokes, Mr Justice Gould said they might easily have stood there indicted for murder.

The appellants were sentenced by Mr Justice C. W. Rennie in the March Sessions for robbing two flocks of a poultry shop last November.

Crown Counsel, Mr D. E. Greenfield, said the first appellant was employed by his clansmen who loaned him money to pay his gambling debts and he repaid them by planning the robbery. He got other heavy-handed men to attack the two flocks with iron bars and one of them nearly died.

The second appellant was the go-between for the first appellant and the gang.

The Full Court, comprising Mr Justice Gould and Mr Justice J. Wicks, decided that in the circumstances the sentences were not too severe even though neither appellant had previous convictions.

WRONGLY ACCUSED.

In the third case, the prisoner, Tsai Shu-yuk, sentenced to three years by District Judge W. T. Charles last November for wounding with intent, contended that he had been wrongly accused and falsely convicted.

He was said to have stabbed another man in the eye last September, causing him to lose it. He told the Full Court, comprising Mr Justice T. J. Gould and Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, that the man provoked him first by 'treading on his toes', almost crippling him. He had always been a law-abiding citizen, he added.

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Plenty Of Laughs At The KCC

'Hay Fever' by Noel Coward

This is a brilliant comedy which only Noel Coward could have written, for none knows as well as he the intricacies of a house full of artists. Here is the home of David Bliss, a novelist; and Judith Bliss, his wife, a retired actress; and their two grown up children, Simon, an artist; and Sorel, the daughter who is merely artistic.

Why I said only Noel Coward could have written this is that, in the hands of a less experienced playwright, we should have a play which might as well be set in a mad house for it is all hatter-mad yet somehow convincing.

So to this house come four guests, invited for the week-end by each one of the four members of the family, without the knowledge of the others. From that time there isn't a moment's peace. Every situation is exploited to its emotional maximum until the poor guests secretly creep back to London early Sunday morning. But before one of them has had her say, she is in the family. You haven't got one sincere or genuine feeling among the lot of you—you're artificial to the point of lunacy. That is about it. This family is so artificial that simply by being natural, they seem to act a part. Yet there is a brilliant farce about them and it does, well, the play reduces the audience to a state of hysteria.

Having written the above, I am now going to set what kind of performance the Kowloon Cricket Club Players give of this difficult play. I have seen the play and nothing quite happened as I expected. Here are lines smacking of Shakespeare's Mark of the Twenties, spoken by Antonia Remedios as Jackie Clayton, and Benita Remedios as Sorel Bliss. Then came Clara, the maid, played by Micky Chamberlain, and the audience gave her a great hand. However, excellent though the lines were, she is really Judith's dresser, so she does not make up in mcp cap; she does, of course, 'dear and darling' the guests, and here she scored.

Robbie Roberts came into his own in the third act; up to then he was not sincerely cynical, selfish in his character, and David Bliss. Sandy Tyrrell, an amateur boxer, should remember he is absolutely at contrast with Simon Bliss, different in every way.

Tony Hallam succeeds in never feeling 'at home', and never wanting to, for we are aware he is the Diplomat, Richard Greenham, and rarely does his diplomacy fall, him, even in the most compromising situations.

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John Luff.

Complaint About HK Glove Exports

Another MP's Request Is Refused

London, Apr. 5. Mr John Peyton, a Conservative MP suggested in the House of Commons today the British Government's trade policy for the colonies should be re-examined.

He said the price of gloves imported from Hongkong rendered competition by the British home industry almost impossible.

Orders for woollen gloves were 77 per cent down on this time last year.

But Mr Austin Low, Minister of State at the Board of Trade, repeated what he has told Mr Peyton and others many times before. This was that British Government policy was not to restrict imports of colonial goods by imposing quota restrictions nor to impose duties on them.—Reuter.

US Minister Expects 'NO HELP FROM OUR ALLIES'

If Island War Starts

Washington, Apr. 5. The U.S. Navy Secretary, Mr Charles Thomas, today admitted that the United States could not count on any help from its allies if it went to war over the Chinese offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu.

He was testifying before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the budget for the Navy.

Senator John Stennis (Democrat, Mississippi) told the Subcommittee that he would go into action on Quemoy and Matsu we could expect no help from our Asiatic or European allies.

Secretary Thomas recognised that this was the case. He told the Subcommittee that reductions in the strength of the Navy and Marine Corps scheduled by June, 1956 would not affect the "basic striking power" of the United States.

SOVIET NAVY'S GROWTH.

The Navy Secretary told the Subcommittee that the Navy was capable of halting any attack on Formosa but that it would require the backing of the air force.

Such a Chinese Communist attack, he said would portend further operations and would mean a greater mobilisation.

Admiral Robert Carney, Chief of Naval Operations, told the Subcommittee during the hearing that there was no guarantee of continued American naval supremacy.

"The rise of the Soviet Navy and their vast naval building programme is one of the most conclusive bits of evidence that they are not contemplating a short war," he said.—France-Press.

YEMEN KING IS FREED

Aden, Apr. 5. King Ahmed of Yemen, who was reported over the week-end to have "abdicated" in favour of his brother Abdullah, has been freed by his son, Seif el Islam el Badr, from his guarded palace in Ta'iz, it was reported today.

Badr was said to have launched a successful attack on the palace to free his father.

The "abdication" had been described in some reports as a coup d'etat, followed by the imprisonment of Ahmed in his own palace under army guard.—France-Press.

New York, Apr. 5. Mr Dag Hammarskjold, UN Secretary-General, said tonight he was keeping in contact with the Chinese Communist Government about the 15 imprisoned American airmen.

He said the contacts appeared useful enough not to be abandoned.—France-Press.

Veteran Liberal Peer's Tribute To Sir Winston Churchill

LORD SAMUEL'S BROADCAST

London, Apr. 5. Lord Samuel, 84-year-old Liberal Party elder statesman, said in a broadcast tonight that Sir Winston Churchill carried with him into retirement "the thanks of the British nation to a faithful servant of the people and of mankind."

Lord Samuel, four years Sir Winston Churchill's senior, served with him in a Liberal Government in 1906 and is still Liberal leader in the House of Lords.

In a BBC broadcast Lord Samuel said at the close of an appreciation of the Prime Minister's life: "Today he retires from public office—but not we hope from public life."

"Looking at the list of Prime Ministers over the last 200 years we must allow that by no means all of them had personalities that matched their position," he said.

"Indeed there are not more than perhaps 10 or 12 who would be generally agreed to rank with the great who still live in the Halls of Fame."

"We do not doubt that among that small company is Winston Churchill. What the verdict of the future historian may be we cannot foresee. But at least we can send on to him a message that this has been the judgment of contemporaries."

HIS AMBITION.

"A man's achievements must depend not only on himself but on his times. This century has been an era of vast political upheavals and terrible wars."

World Tributes To Churchill

(Continued from Page 1)

He said: "We shall miss a leadership which for so many years, and especially in the anxious days of war—has inspired and encouraged the people of the Commonwealth of Nations and indeed the whole free world."

Mr St Laurent's statement was interrupted repeatedly by desk thumping applause from both sides of the Commons as he reviewed Sir Winston Churchill's "varied career."

Mr H. C. Hansen, Prime Minister of Denmark, said: "We have seen our admiration and affection to this man whose life work has been so great for the freedom and rights of mankind."

Mr Tage Erlander, Prime Minister of Sweden, said: "During the dark war years... he gave consolation and hope to the whole democratic world."

"Many had hoped that he would have succeeded in finding the road to security in the atomic age but one must be thankful that he has in his powerful way drawn the world's attention to the terrible perspectives which modern methods of destruction open up to us."

HIS HISTORY.

Mr Halvard Lange, acting Prime Minister of Norway, said: "Churchill has not only created and written history; he is history."

General George Marshall, wartime Chief of the United States Army and later Secretary of State, the most remarkable career of modern times had reached its active conclusion.

"I was with him during many critical moments, always he was towering in his strength and courage."

Herr Julius Raab, the Austrian Chancellor, described Sir Winston Churchill as "the man who most decisively intervened in world affairs in the last century."

Belgrade Radio said Sir Winston Churchill's talents during his many years of political life in Britain were devoted to the service of an empire which was slowly being liquidated.

In his brilliant political career he united the qualities of unforgiving energy, faultless memory, magnificent eloquence and vitality of spirit.

Belgrade Radio said he was always a realist. Though prominent among those who intervened in the affairs of the Soviet Union after the First World War, he established friendly and allied relations with the Soviet Union in the Second World War.—Reuter.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I didn't think it was such a beautiful coat either—till I found out her husband paid \$3000 for it!"

Some Excellent Solo Playing At Last Night's Concert

At this Festival concert of the Sino-British Orchestra, there was some very good playing, both by the soloists and the orchestral players. The Overture to "Coriolanus" by Beethoven opened the programme, and once more it was revealed how the conductor, Professor Arrigo Foa, has insisted upon precision.

The short, sharp chords were clear and without raggedness, and the rising playing throughout this was well controlled, though a little heavy at times with the constant repetition of certain figures and phrases, indicating that Coriolanus was indeed a somewhat sullen obstinate character. More could have been made of the singing lyrical passage, which, like all Beethoven's of this kind, invites the strings to use their broadest and richest tone.

The Beethoven overture was the most distinguished work in the programme, and the other works, though pleasant, did not give the orchestra a chance to show what it really can do. One major work would have been desirable—a symphony, or a bigger concerto, as on former occasions.

However, the works performed gave the opportunity for some excellent solo playing; in a way this was a soloist's night.

First, we had the young violinist, Hu Kwong, who has great flexibility and full tone, and encountered no technical difficulty in the little overture movement Concertino by Harold Perry.

Hu Kwong should develop into a fine violinist and is even now capable of performing one of the Mozart Concertos or one of the Beethoven Romances.

In win in Elgar's "Nursery Suite" that the orchestra and its conductor showed the greatest sensitivity of the evening, neatly interpreting the different moods of the short movements of this one of Elgar's most delightful shorter works. There were some lovely woodwind playing in the "Garden Doll" episode, and the leader, Dr. Bard, managed his solo very effectively in the "Dreams" movement.

Dr. C. K. Wong played the flute solo in the Suite for Flute and Strings by Telemann, a late 17th and early 18th century German composer. It is, again, a pleasing enough though undistinguished work. Dr. Wong has a sweet tone and it is always a pleasure to hear him. The music itself became a little monotonous partly as there was no key changes throughout all seven movements beginning and ending correctly in the same minor key.

The concert ended brightly with Strauss's "Voices of Spring" Waltz, stirring played, and hugely enjoyed by the audience. The percussion was particularly effective, and throughout the concert, the tempo was steady and reliable, a contrast to the old days several years ago when it was a very uncertain quantity.

Men Caught With Illicit Stills

Two men, Cheng Wu-sham, 37, and Ng Fung, 18, were fined \$150 each for three weeks by Mr H. H. B. How at Kowloon Court this morning for distilling liquor without licence and possession of an illicit still, dutiable Chinese liquor and fermented mash.

Cheng was caught in a hut at Tseung Kwan O near Kai Tak Airport on April 2, and Ng was arrested at Tin Liu Village on March 25.

A total of eight gallons of Chinese liquor and 36 gallons of mash, together with the stills seized were ordered to be confiscated.

\$1.20 Meal Cost Him 14 Days

A 27-year-old unemployed, Choi Kuen-fat, of 102 Castle Peak Road, ground floor, was sentenced to 14 days imprisonment by Mr Hin-ching Lo at Central this morning for obtaining credit by fraud.

On Tuesday defendant went to the Champion Cafe, Lockhart Road, and ordered a bowl of noodles. When it came to paying the bill of \$1.20, defendant said that he had no money to pay. He was subsequently arrested.

Change In Radio Programme

In place of the advertised programme "Radio Hongkong" will broadcast at 8.15 this evening a talk from London by Viscount Samuel on Sir Winston Churchill, whose resignation was announced today.

Fined For Overstaying Visit

Three Overseas Chinese men from Manila, who had overstayed the period granted them in Hongkong, were fined and ordered to be expelled by Mr T. C. Creden at Kowloon Court this morning for breach of immigration regulations.

Two of them, Lee On, 27, and Ngo Tim-tit, 33, who arrived in the Colony in the middle of February and had been allowed to stay until the end of that month, were each fined \$250.

The third man, Soon Tak-kong, 37, had been refused visa to enter Hongkong in January. As a result, he went to Formosa and applied for a transit visa to Hongkong, whereupon he was allowed two days' stay here.

However, he stayed on and transacted business in the Colony. He was fined \$500.

All three defendants were arrested by the Immigration authorities while leaving for Manila on a P.A.L. plane yesterday morning.

Labour Leader Asked To Form Coalition

Singapore, Apr. 5. It was announced early today that Mr David Marshall, Labour front leader, had been asked by the Governor, Sir John Nicoll, to form a coalition Government.

This follows elections of April 2 when Labour won four of 10 seats contested.

It was understood that the coalition will include UMNO-MCA alliance.

The announcement follows three days of intensive political manoeuvring during which long meetings between parties were held.

Political observers here believe the announcement will bring to the Colony of Singapore a socialist type of Government pledged to work for complete independence by democratic means.—Reuter.

Convicted Man Charged With 'Wasting Court's Time'

MAGISTRATE INCREASES SENTENCE

A convicted man who came up again before Mr Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning on an application for a review of sentence had his sentences increased instead.

The man was Cheung Tung, 36, unemployed, who pleaded guilty on March 31 to charges of possession of dangerous drugs and possession of heroin pipes.

On the first charge, he had been fined \$150 or six weeks and on the second, \$50 or two weeks.

When Cheung's case was called this morning, however, he denied he had applied for a review of sentence. He said he had only wanted to find out when the sentences would be dated from.

The Magistrate declared that it was clearly stated on the record that Cheung had asked for a review of sentence. He said Cheung well knew that the sentences were to date from the day they were passed.

"For wasting the Court's time, I shall increase your sentences instead," His Worship stated. On the dangerous drugs charge, he increased the fine to \$250 or eight weeks. On the second charge, the fine was increased to \$100 or four weeks.

"And the sentences are to date as from today," His Worship added.